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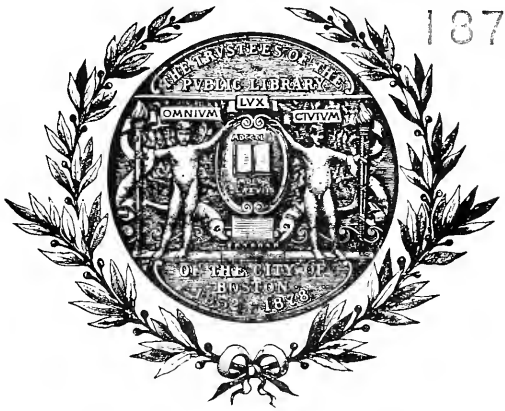

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 9, 1871.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the ninth day of January, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of his Honor the Mayor, for the purpose of organization for the present municipal year. Hon. William Gaston, Mayor, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Absent. Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Baldwin, Bent, Blenkinsop, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Hobbs, Jellison, Lewis, Maguire, Means, Pelletier, Pope, Tucker, Waterston, White, and the President of the Common Council.

Prayer. By request of the President, the Reverend Dr. Lothrop offered an address to the Throne of Grace.

Certificates of election. The Chair appointed Messrs. Washburn, Willard, and Monroe a committee to collect the certificates of election of newly elected members; who proceeded, and afterwards reported the names of the gentlemen whose certificates they had received, with the terms respectively for which they were elected. The report was accepted.

Secretary chosen. On motion of Mr. Learnard, the Board proceeded to choose a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Learnard, Lamson, and Emery a committee to collect the ballots; and the committee having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 72; necessary for a choice, 37; that Barnard Capen had 71; Barnard B. Capen, 1. Mr. Barnard Capen was accordingly declared elected.

Salary of secretary. On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop the salary of the Secretary was fixed at eighteen hundred dollars.

Rules and Regulations. On motion of Mr. Rust, the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee for 1870 were adopted for the government of this Board until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop,

Ordered, That the committee on the Annual Report of

Annual Report. the School Committee for 1870 be allowed to report in print.

Standing Committees appointed. The President announced the Standing Committees of the Board for the year.

Dr. Reynolds requested to be excused from serving upon the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Monroe asked to be excused from the Committee on the English High School. Those gentlemen were excused from serving respectively upon the committees named. The Board then adopted the committees as nominated by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Stedman,

Changes in organization, powers, etc., of the School Committee. *Ordered,* That a committee of nine be appointed by the President, to consider and report to the Board at an early day, whether any, and, if any, what, changes are needed in the organization, rights, duties, and powers of the School Committee.

Agreeably to the above order, the President appointed the following as the committee, viz: Messrs. Stedman, Washburn, Bowdlear, Jarvis, Flint, Learnard, Merrill of Ward 11, and Monroe.

High School education of boys. *Ordered,* On motion of Mr. Washburn, that the subjects heretofore submitted to the Committee on the High School Education of boys be referred to a special committee of seven.

The President appointed, in accordance with the above order, the following as the committee, namely: Messrs. Washburn, Underwood, S. K. Lothrop, Shackford, Mason, and Reynolds.

Minutes to be printed. On motion of Mr. Monroe, the Secretary was directed to cause the minutes of the Board to be printed in the same

Manual of the Schools. manner as for the past year, and also within five weeks to prepare the customary Manual of the Public Schools.

Mr. Fallon offered the following order: —

Salary of Miss Valentine. *Ordered,* That, in consideration of previous services, the maximum salary of a primary teacher be paid to Miss Valentine, from November 1st, 1870.

On motion of Dr. Shattuck,

Ordered, That a special committee of seven be appointed on the subject of Industrial Schools. Industrial Schools.

The President appointed the following as the Committee on Industrial Schools, viz: Messrs. Shackford, S. K. Lothrop, Curtis, Lamson, Brown, M. Merrill, and Bigelow.

Mr. Monroe nominated Mr. Noble W. DeMunn as sub-master in the Lewis School, commencing January 1st. Nominations, etc., of teachers.

Mr. Underwood presented the resignation of Miss Isabella Stevens, a primary teacher in the Lincoln School District, to take effect January 1st, and the resignation was accepted. Mr. Underwood also nominated Miss Matilda I. Stevens, commencing January 3d, and Miss C. W. Hintz, commencing January 10th, — both primary teachers.

On motion of Mr. Rust,

Ordered, That all unfinished business in the hands of the standing committees of the Board of last year be referred to the same committees in the present Board. Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Brigham was excused from service on the Norcross School District Committee. Mr. Toland was excused from service on the Bigelow School District Committee. Resignations upon committees.

The President filled the vacancies thus caused, and the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Monroe on the Committee on the English High School, by the following appointments, viz: Dr. Allen, in place of Mr. Monroe, on the last named committee; Mr. Toland, on the Norcross School District Committee; and Mr. Bachelder, on the Bigelow School District Committee. Vacancies filled in committees.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be empowered to expend, in concurrence with the Committee on Rules and Regulations, for clerk-hire for the current year in the office of the Secretary, a sum not exceeding $450. Appropriation for Clerk hire in office of the secretary.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and it was so referred: — Amendment proposed to Rules. Chap. 1.

Ordered, That, in chapter 1, section 2, in the tenth and eleventh lines, the words "and Standing Committees of sixteen members each," and all after the words "Roxbury High School," in the thirteenth line, be omitted.

Resignation of S. Arthur Bent.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr. S. Arthur Bent, as a member of this Board from Ward 4, and the resignation was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Lamson,

Convention proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention on Tuesday, the 14th day of February next, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. S. Arthur Bent, and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

Committee to nominate a candidate.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Bent, viz: Messrs. Lamson, Hall, Woodbury, Curtis, and Holbrook.

The Board then, on motion of Dr. Ordway, adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 14, 1871.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of February, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Allen, Blenkinsop, Clarke, Clock, Conboye, Cudworth, Curtis, Edson, Emery, Fallon, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Garceau, Hall, Huse, Jarvis, Mason, McKendry, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Noble, Pelletier, Pope, Porter of Ward 16, Sanford, Streeter, Tucker, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, White, Willard, and Woodbury.

Convention held. The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. Arthur Bent, and the same was accepted.

Dr. Lamson, from the committee to nominate a candidate, presented the name of Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cutter, and Messrs. Underwood and Fennelly, a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of votes was 59; necessary for a choice, 30; that Ezra Palmer had 1 vote, Dexter S. King had 2 votes, and Nathaniel B. Shurtleff had 56 votes. Mr. Shurtleff was accordingly declared chosen.

N. B. Shurtleff chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

The following teachers were confirmed:—

Teachers confirmed, nominated, transferred, &c. *Girls' High and Normal School,* — Maria M. Melcher Alice M. Wellington, Helen M. Dunbar, Rebecca R. Joslin,

Emerette O. Patch, S. Annie Shorey, Annie B. Thompson, assistants.

Roxbury High School, — Helen A. Gardner, an assistant.

Adams School District, — Georgiana Palmer, a primary teacher.

Chapman School District, — Helen T. Higgins, a primary teacher.

Franklin School, — Jane S. Tower, commencing Sept. 5, 1870.

Hancock School, — Ellen C. Sawtelle, master's head assistant, and Ellen A. Hunt, head assistant, commencing Jan. 1st.

Lyman School, — George K. Daniell, sub-master.

Norcross School, — Fiducia S. Wells, and Annie M. Prescott, assistants.

Quincy School District. — Julia A. Valentine, a primary teacher.

Sherwin School District, — The following teachers were transferred to this district from the districts named, — the committees of those districts, respectively, assenting to the transfer, the same to date from February 6th: from the Washington and Dudley School District, Charles H. Hill, sub-master, Lucy L. Burgess, and S. Maria Wheeler, head assistants; Frances McDonald, Harriet A. Lewis, Elizabeth B. Walton and Clara H. Balch, assistants; from the Comins School District, — Sarah R. Bonney, Isadora Bonney, and Caroline K. Nickerson, assistants; E. Elizabeth Boies, a primary teacher in Franklin Place, and Maria Henshaw from the Dearborn School, assistants.

The Primary School in Franklin place and Weston street, and in Day's Chapel, Avon place, and the Milldam, in the Comins School District, and their teachers, were placed under the charge of the committee on this District.

Winthrop School District, — Harriet G. De Ribas, an assistant, and Julia A. McIntyre, a primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Bigelow School, — Mary Harris, an assistant.

Dearborn School, — E. L. Holbrook, an assistant, commencing February 1st.

Dwight School, — O. D. Robinson, usher, commencing in February.

Eliot School, — Granville S. Webster, usher, commencing November 3d.

Everett School, — S. Flora Chandler, head assistant, and Ann R. Gavett, both commencing Nov. 1st.

Norcross School District, — M. G. A. Toland, a primary teacher, commencing Jan. 10th.

Phillips School, — Sarah E. Frye, an assistant, commencing Jan. 1st.

Sherwin School District, — Julia F. Long, master's head assistant, Maria L. Young, teacher of sewing, and Clara C. Walker, a primary teacher, all commencing Feb. 6th.

Winthrop School District, — Emma K. Valentine, head assistant, commencing Oct. 12, 1870.

Evening Drawing School, — H. Richards and W. A. Pike, instructors, in place of Messrs. Brewster and Clark, resigned. Evening drawing school.

Dorchester School District, — Margaret F. Tappan, assistant in the Dorchester Everett School, and Sarah W. Symmes in the Mather School, both commencing Jan. 16th, and Dora Puffer in the Minot School, commencing Jan. 1st.

Quincy School, — Margaret F. Tappan was transferred to this school from the Dorchester-Everett School, the committee on the Dorchester District assenting to said transfer.

The resignations of the following teachers were presented and accepted: Helen F. Crawford, assistant in the Dearborn School, taking effect Feb. 1st. Mary C. Nichols, master's head assistant in the Hancock School, the resignation taking effect Jan. 1st. Adeliza M. Wright, an assistant in the Phillips School, the resignation taking effect Jan. 1st.

Report of Committee on Elections; on certificates of election.

Mr. Brown read the report of the Committee on Elections, to whom were referred at the last meeting the certificates of election. The Committee reported that they had examined said certificates, and found them correct in every particular. The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries upon various matters which had been referred to them: —

Maximum salary to Miss Valentine.

1. Upon the order offered Jan. 9th, to provide that Miss Valentine receive the maximum salary of a Primary teacher from Nov. 1st, 1870, recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the order and it was adopted.

Dorchester High school, teacher of German in.

2. Upon the order offered Feb. 8, 1870, "That the Committee on the Dorchester High School be authorized to appoint a teacher of German for said school, whose salary shall not exceed the rate of $500 per annum, and who shall be nominated to this Board for confirmation:" recommending its passage. The question being taken upon the order, it was adopted.

Hancock school, Miss Nichols's services.

3. Upon the order to allow Miss Mary C. Nichols the sum of $198 for extra services in the Hancock School while the school was without a master. The committee recommended the passage of the order, with the provision that it be found by the Committee on Accounts to be correct. The order so reported was adopted.

Free evening Drawing School; salaries of teaerchs.

4. Upon section 8, of the regulations of the free evening schools, for drawing referred to them Oct. 11th, the committee reported the following: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the instructors in the Evening Drawing School be for principals, $5 per night; for assistants, $4 per night. The order was adopted.

Evening Drawing School, assistant authorized.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Brigham, that the Committee on Drawing be authorized to employ an assistant in the Evening Drawing School at a salary of one dollar a night.

Mr. W. B. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, submitted the report of that committee upon City Document No. 108, referred to them December 20th, and proceeded to read the same; when, on motion of Dr. Ordway, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the report.

Reports of com. on accounts, "City Doc. No. 108."

Mr. W. B. Merrill read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the order referred to them Dec. 27th, proposing that free transportation be provided for the pupils of the Girls' High and Normal School living within the city, residing more than two miles from the school-house: that the committee are unanimous in the opinion that it is inexpedient to adopt the order, on the ground of the large expenditure which would have to be incurred to carry out such provision; that it would be difficult to make the provision for a portion of the pupils of that school, without making the same provision for all of the pupils. If provision were made for the pupils of this school, the pupils of the Dorchester High School, and of the English High and Latin schools might also lay claim to a similar provision, all of which would cause an aggregate expense of over thirty thousand dollars. The report was accepted.

Free transportation of pupils of Girls' High and Normal School.

Mr. W. B. Merrill presented also the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the application of thirty-eight pupils of the Girls' High and Normal School to be excused from the payment of tuition for the remainder of the present school-year, — referred to the committee Dec. 27th. The committee do not deem the pretext that these pupils are to become teachers any ground for granting the request, nor consider that the Board have the right to use the money of our tax-payers in educating children living in other towns. They think the present a favorable time to do away with an evil which has become formidable by reason of the magnitude of the expense which the city has incurred on account of it. The committee, having carefully considered

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the grounds for each of the several applications, are of the opinion that, of the whole number of applicants, only one should be excused from paying tuition; and they recommend that for the remainder of the year the other applicants be allowed to remain by paying one half the annual cost of tuition. The committee offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the request of Miss G. A. Bickford, of Charlestown, member of the training class, to be excused from payment of tuition the remainder of the year, in the Girls' High and Normal School, be granted.

2. *Ordered*, That the remainder of those asking to be excused from the payment of tuition in the Girls' High and Normal School be allowed to remain upon the payment of one-half the annual cost per pupil in that school. To be made in two equal payments on the first days of March and May ensuing.

Both of the orders were adopted.

Mr. Flint offered the following order, and moved its reference to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Pianos for Latin and English High Schools.

Ordered, That a Chickering grand piano be procured for the English High School, and another for the Latin School, at a cost not to exceed six hundred dollars each, and that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to carry into full execution the order; and the motion of reference was adopted.

Military drill in the Latin School.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Slade, That, hereafter, instruction in military drill in the Latin School be given to the pupils in accordance with chapter 13, section 10, of the Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Ward 12, the following order was passed, under a suspension of the rules:

Lawrence School District; appointment of an usher authorized.

Ordered, That the Lawrence District Committee be authorized to employ an usher for the Mather building on Broadway.

Mr. Wilson offered the following order: —

Ordered, That suitable rooms be provided for two classes in the Norcross School. Norcross School, additional rooms.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, That the Committee on the Annual Report for 1870 be authorized to print such matter relating to schools, in connection with said report, as they may deem expedient. Annual Report; matter to be printed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, That the Committee on the Annual Report of this Board be instructed to prepare an edition of the same for general distribution among the citizens of Boston. Annual Report, edition for general distribution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. B. Merrill, That the City Council be requested to consider the expediency of consolidating the five appropriations for school purposes into two; — one for salaries, and one for incidentals. City Council: appropriation, for schools.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following: —

Ordered, That sect. 36, chap. IX, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out the words "the week immediately preceding the first Monday in March."

The order being under consideration, the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present. The Chair directed that the roll be called; and, the roll having been called, it appeared that a quorum was not present. Thereupon the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 21, 1871.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, called by the President of the Board, was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of February, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair.

Absen

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Flint, Fogg, Foye, Fraser, Garceau, Hall, Haskins, Huse, Ingalls, Means, M. Merrill, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Packard, Pelletier, Pope, Rankin, Richardson, Swan, Toland, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, White, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Resignations of Charles J. White and William Pope.

The Chair read the resignations as members of the Board, of Charles J. White, of Ward 1, and William Pope, of Ward 16, and the resignations were accepted. On motion of Mr. Noble, the usual order passed proposing a convention with the Mayor and Aldermen, on Tuesday, March 14, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancies.

Convention proposed.

Committees to nominate candidates.

The Chair appointed the following committees to nominate to the Board suitable candidates for filling said vacancies, viz: for the vacancy in Ward 1, Messrs. Washburn, Huse, Ingalls, Badger, and Jarvis; for the vacancy in Ward 16, Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, McKendry, Swan, Baldwin, and Merrill, of Ward 14.

Petitions: Saturday holidays for Latin School.

The President presented the following petitions, to wit:

1. Of 203 parents of boys in the public Latin school; 2. Of 65 clergymen of Boston; 3. Of 153 physicians of Boston; — the latter including professional opinions and statements of facts, — severally asking that three Saturdays in each month may be made holidays in the Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the several petitions were referred to the Committee on the Latin School.

Teachers confirmed, nominated, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed:

Eliot School, — Clara A. Newell, an assistant.

Prescott School, — Lewis H. Dutton, sub-master.

Wells School District, — Mary I. Bennet, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Lewis School, — Susan Dutton, an assistant, commencing Feb. 6th. Accepted.

Wells School District, — Georgiana D. Barstow, a Primary teacher, commencing Feb. 1st.

Mr. Monroe presented the resignation of Julia F. Long, an assistant in the Lewis School District, taking effect Feb. 6th.

Mr. Kneeland submitted and read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in pursuance of an order — passed September 13th — directing said committee to consider the whole subject of vacations, and to report such changes as might seem to them expedient.

In connection with their report, the committee submitted the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That Sect. 36, Chap. IX. of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out "Artillery Election"; by changing "first" to *second* in the seventh line, and by striking out all after the seventh line down to the words "The President" in the nineteenth line, and inserting "April; and to the Primary Schools from the second Tuesday in July; and to the Grammar Schools from their respective exhibitions to the first Monday in September; and to the Latin and High Schools from their respective exhibitions to the second Monday in September."

2. *Ordered*, That Sect. 34, Chap. IX., be amended by striking out all after the first line down to the words "The President" in the eighth line, and inserting "and High

Schools on the second Tuesday in July, or the day preceding; of the several Grammar Schools, on the following Wednesday, excepting that the exhibitions of the Grammar Schools for girls may be held on the preceding day, if their respective committees shall so direct."

On motion of Dr. Lamson, the Board ordered that the report be laid upon the table and printed.

Mr. Stedman offered the following order: —

Maximum salary to Miss E. S. Parker.

Ordered, That Elizabeth S. Parker be paid the maximum salary as an assistant in a Grammar School from the commencement of the school year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following: —

New text-books in High Schools.

Ordered, That no new text-book be introduced into any high-school until it has been recommended by the Text-book Committee, and approved by this Board, in the manner required by law. On motion of Mr. Underwood, the order was referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Norcross School District.

Mr. Jellison moved a suspension of the rules, for the passage of the following order. The rules were suspended and the order passed, to wit: —

Ordered, That the order referred February 14, 1871, to the Committee on School-houses, in relation to the Norcross School District, be referred to the same committee with full powers.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, offered the following order, to take the place of an order passed at the last meeting: —

Hancock School, Miss Nichols' services.

Ordered, That one hundred and seventy-five dollars be paid to Miss Mary C. Nichols, for extra services in the Hancock School, while the school was without a master.

The question was taken upon the order and it was adopted.

Lincoln School District:

Mr. Lewis offered the following: —

At a meeting of the Lincoln School District Committee,

New Primary school house named the Capen School.

held February 14, 1871, it was voted to request that the new Primary School-house, corner of Sixth and I streets, be named the Capen School, in memory of the Rev. Lemuel Capen, an esteemed clergyman, who lived and died in the immediate neighborhood, and was for thirteen years an active member of the School Committee. Therefore,

Ordered, That the new Primary School-house, corner of I and Sixth streets, be named the Capen School.

The order passed.

New Grammar School house at City Point.

Mr. Lewis also offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take the necessary steps toward the erection of a new Grammar School-house in that part of Ward 12 known as City Point. Referred to the Committee on School Houses and School Sections.

School Festival in July. Committee.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Shattuck, that a committee of nine be appointed to take charge of the annual School Festival in July, — the committee to be announced at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Washburn offered the two following orders: —

School for deaf mutes.

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes be, and hereby are, permitted to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of special instruction in said school.

Latin School; books of reference.

2. *Ordered*, That five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books of reference to be used in the Latin School.

Both of the orders were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Lothrop offered the three following orders: —

Examinations for admission to the High Schools.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations relating to the qualifications of pupils for admission to the High Schools be so amended as to provide that candidates shall be examined on all the branches required to be taught in the First class in the Grammar Schools.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the son of W. H. Eldridge, an officer of the navy, stationed at the navy-yard in Charlestown, be permitted to remain and complete his course at the English High School. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Eng. High School; Eldridge.

Ordered, That Robert L. Babson and L. Hall Grandgent, now, and for several years past, sub-masters in the English High School, be promoted and appointed to be masters in said school, — their appointment to date from the beginning of the present school year. English High School: teachers: regulations amended.

A motion to suspend the rules to act upon the order at this time did not prevail. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Learnard offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That Chap. XIV. Sec. 2, of the Rules and Regulations, be amended, by striking out the word "three" in the second line, and substituting for it the word *five*.

Mr. W. B. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported, upon the following order — referred to them Feb. 14th, to wit: "That a Chickering Grand Piano be procured for the English High School, and another for the Latin School, at a cost not to exceed six hundred dollars each; and that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to carry into full execution this order." Pianos for Latin and Eng. High Schools.

The Committee recommended the adoption of the order, and the immediate purchase of the pianos. Accepted, and the order passed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Monroe, that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of so amending the regulations of the Public Schools that the Grammar and Primary Schools shall commence their morning sessions at 9 o'clock, and close the same at 12 o'clock, the present year. Morning sessions of Grammar and Primary Schools.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so altered Girls' High and Normal School; Sessions of.

as to provide that the sessions of the Girls' High and Normal School be from nine to two o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and that there be no session of the school on Saturday.

On motion of Dr. Lamson, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Appointments on Committees.

The President made the following appointments on Committees, viz: Dr. Hall to be Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and Dr. Waldock to fill a vacancy in the same committee; Mr. Fennelly upon the Bigelow and Lawrence School District Committees; Dr. Shurtleff upon the Bowdoin, Phillips, and Wells School District Committees; Mr. Reed upon the Bowdoin School District Committee, and excused from the Eliot School District Committee at his request; Dr. Johnson upon the Phillips School District Committee in place of Dr. Hall, excused. Said appointments were approved by the Board.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following order: —

Military Drill in Latin School.

Ordered, That, in reference to the order touching upon military drill in the Latin School — adopted at the last meeting of the Board — any portion of time beyond that appointed for said exercises and drill in the regulations of the Latin School, be in addition to the school hours as established in those regulations.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the order was referred to the Committees on the Latin School and Military Drill, jointly.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order: —

Drawing; appropriations for models and casts.

Ordered, That five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of models and casts for the use of the teachers in Drawing, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Noble offered the following order: —

Prescott School District: new Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take the necessary steps for the erection of a Primary School-house, in the Prescott School District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses and School Sections.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Chap. IV. Sect. 6, be amended so as to provide that a sufficient number of copies of new text-books which are sought to be introduced into the schools be placed in the rooms of the School Committee for their inspection, and that the present provision of the section which requires that each member of the Board be furnished with a copy of all new text-books before adoption, be repealed. Introduction of new text-books.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Ward 16, —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish the Dorchester High School with such chemical articles as are needed to complete its laboratory. Dorchester High School; chemicals.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

Ordered, — on motion of Mr. Jellison, that the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on the subject of Vacations, be considered at half past eight o'clock, at the meeting in March.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 14, 1871.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Blenkinsop, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Cudworth, Deblois, Emery, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Haskins, Huse, Maguire, McKendry, Means, Packard, Thornton, Whelton, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Convention held. The Chair read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition of this Board for a convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancies caused by the resignations of C. J. White, of Ward One, and William Pope, of Ward Sixteen; and the convention was held.

Seth C. Ames chosen. Mr. Washburn, from the committee to nominate a candidate for the place of Mr. White, reported the name of Seth C. Ames, and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Ricker, and Messrs. L. Lothrop and Brigham, a committee to collect the ballots. The committee proceeded, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 67; necessary for a choice, 34; that Seth C. Ames had 63; scattering, four. Mr. Ames was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, from the committee to nominate a candidate for the place of Mr. Pope, reported the name of William Sayward. The report was accepted.

James H. Means chosen. Mr. Swan submitted the name of James H. Means, and advocated his election.

The Chair appointed Alderman Plumer, and Messrs. Streeter and Richardson, a committee to collect the ballots

who proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 70; necessary for a choice, 36; that Willlam Sayward had 16, and James H. Means, 54. Mr. Means was accordingly declared elected. The convention thereupon dissolved.

Teachers confirmed and nominated.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

English High School, — Mr. J. O. Norris, sub-master, services commencing December 5th.

Dearborn School District, — Cynthia G. Melvin.

Hancock School District, — Anna M. Jacobs.

Lawrence School District, — Miss M. E. Witherell.

Dorchester High School, — John Frederick Stein, teacher of German, services commencing March 6th.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Bigelow School, — Ella E. Boutelle, an assistant, commencing March 6th.

Hancock School District, — Susan E. Allen, commencing January 7th.

Lawrence School, — Mr. D. A. Hamlin, usher, commencing March 7th.

Phillips School, — George Perkins, usher, commencing March 20th.

Sherwin School, — Mary E. Holbrook, head assistant, Frances L. Stockman and Josephine L. Snow, assistants, — services in each case commencing March 6th.

Dorchester School District, — Julia M. Battles, assistant in the Dorchester-Everett School, commencing March 6th; and Edna H. Gleason, a Primary teacher in the Atherton School, commencing March 1st.

Evening Drawing School, — William A. Pike, in place of Daniel W. Willard, resigned.

Changes in organization, powers

Mr. Stedman, from the committee appointed January 9th, upon the subject of changes in the organization, etc., of the School Committee, requested leave to report in print, which

the Board granted. Mr. Stedman also moved, and the Board voted, to adjourn to a fortnight from to-night, to consider the report. etc. of the Board.

The Quarterly Reports were submitted, on motion of Dr. Shattuck, by their titles, and accepted, excepting the reports on the Boylston and Shurtleff School Districts. On motion of Dr. Ordway, it was voted that the Secretary request the chairmen of those districts to make their reports. Quarterly Reports.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Lothrop, that the Committee on School-houses in consultation with the Committee on the English High School, be requested to select a suitable lot upon which to erect a school-house for the English High School, and request its purchase by the City Council. Eng. High School; lot for new School House.

Mr. Burroughs submitted the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to procure for the Girls' High and Normal School a telescope, with astronomical charts, maps, and books, and catalogues of stars, at an expense not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars. Girls' High and Normal School; Telescope, charts, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following order: — Dorchester District.

Ordered, That the principal teacher of the Atherton School have the rank and salary of head-assistant; the present incumbent to be paid as head-assistant from the first of March, 1871. Head assistant for the Atherton School.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on the Latin School, submitted and read the report of that committee on the petitions presented February 21st., asking that three Saturdays in each month be made holidays in the Latin School. Latin School; Saturdays holidays: Report on petitions.

The committee reported that, in considering the subject, they deemed it proper to request the opinion of the special committee on the subject of the High School Education of Boys, and that committee was invited to be present when

the petitions were considered. As a result of the consideration, the committee voted that there was no sufficient ground for granting the petition; that the amount of study required in the school is not excessive; that it will be impossible to point out any eminent school of this grade in which a less number of hours is found sufficient; and that such an education as these boys have a claim to receive cannot be given if the school-time be diminished.

As some of the petitioners have requested that there might be a public hearing in case the committee failed to favor the petitioners, the committee suggest that in case the Board decide to grant a hearing, the matter be re-committed to the committees on the Latin School, English High School, and the High School Education of Boys, with instructions to grant such a hearing, and report the result of the same to the next meeting of the Board. The report was accepted. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Monroe, the Board voted a re-commitment of the subject to the committees named, jointly, with instructions as suggested in the report.

A petition, which the Chair read, from Stillman B. Allen, asking the Board to give such a hearing; and, also, petitions from Rev. W. H. H. Murray, Rev. W. C. High, from parents of five children in the Latin School, and from Dr. Charles E. Buckingham, and five other physicians of Boston, — asking that in the Latin School "no attendance or studies be required on any Saturday except the one set apart in every month for public exercises," — were referred to the same committee.

Kindergarten Schools; Report on.

Dr. Curtis presented the report of the Committee on Kindergarten Schools. On motion of Mr. Rust, it was voted that the report be laid upon the table and printed.

Reports of Committee on School-houses: Norcross School;

Mr. Jellison, from the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, with full powers, an order respecting accommodations in the Norcross School District, reported that the committee had considered the subject, and had

requested the City Council to provide the accommodations needed. The report was accepted. additional rooms.

Mr. Jellison read the report of the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 21st, the order regarding a new Primary School-house in the Prescott School District. The committee recommended the passage of the order. The report was accepted, and the order passed. Prescott School District; new Primary School-house.

Mr. Washburn read the report of the Committees on the Latin School and Military Drill, jointly, to whom was referred, February 21st, the order respecting military drill in the Latin School. The committee recommended the passage of the following: "*Voted*, That the several classes in the Latin School, excepting the sixth class, and those physically disabled, shall be required to drill as heretofore; and that any members of the sixth class may drill if they so desire. Military drill in the Latin School. Report of Committee.

Mr. Slade offered the following as an amendment to the report of the committee: —

Ordered, That instruction in military drill in the Latin School shall be given under the general supervision of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, who are authorized to provide a suitable place and arms for drilling, and appoint a drill-master, the time occupied in drills not to exeeed two hours each week.

After considerable discussion upon the matter, the subject was, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, laid upon the table.

The Board proceeded to consider the subject especially assigned for this evening, to wit: the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on Vacations, made Feb. 21st, and ordered to be printed. A lengthy discussion ensued; amendments were proposed and adopted to the orders submitted by the committee. Finally the report was recommitted to the same committee. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations on vacations.

Mr. W. B. Merrill, from the Committee on Accounts, reported back the order offered Feb. 21st, to allow the Report of Com. on Accounts.

School for Deaf Mutes.

Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of special instruction in said school, — recommending the passage of the order. The question was taken upon the passage of the order, and it was adopted.

Latin School; books of reference.

Mr. Merrill also submitted the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the order offered Feb. 21st, that five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books of reference to be used in the Latin School, submitting for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That in accordance with the above order, the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for books of reference for the Latin School, upon requisitions received from the master, and indorsed by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Latin School.

On motion of Dr. Lamson, the order was referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Chapman School; accommodations.

Dr. Ingalls offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to procure additional accommodations for the Chapman School. Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Roxbury High School, salary of teacher of drawing.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 14, that the Committee on Salaries consider the expediency of increasing the salary of B. F. Nutting, teacher of drawing in the Roxbury High School.

Report of Committee on Drawing.

Mr. Brigham submitted the report of the Committee on Drawing. The committee report that during the last half year the Grammar and Primary schools have been assigned among the instructors in drawing, and they believe that with an improved mode of instruction the regular teachers will be able to accomplish the duties imposed upon them. In accordance with the general statutes, a Free Evening Drawing School has been established. Eight hundred and eighty-two applicants registered their names, and many were turned away owing to the inadequate accommodations.

The average attendance has been reduced to three hundred and fifty; and the committee are fully satisfied with the progress and condition of the several classes.

The report was accepted.

Books of reference; Shurtleff's History of Boston.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hunt, that the City Council be requested to furnish each High and Grammar School of this city with a copy of Shurtleff's Topographical History of Boston, as a book of reference.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Allen, from the Committee on Salaries, reported, recommending the adoption of the following orders: —

Miss E. D. Fish's services.

1. *Ordered,* That thirteen dollars and sixty-one cents be paid to Miss Emeline D. Fish, for seven days' service as teacher in the Anderson street Primary School.

Miss E. S. Parker; maximum salary.

2. *Ordered,* That Elizabeth S. Parker be paid the maximum salary as an assistant in a Grammar School, from the commencement of the school-year.

Vocal and Physical Culture; L. B. Monroe to be employed.

3. *Ordered,* That Mr. L. B. Monroe be employed to give instruction in vocal and physical culture, for three months, under the direction of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, etc., for a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Yeas and nays.

Orders 1 and 2 were adopted. Upon the third order it was voted to take the yeas and nays; and, the roll being called, the following gentlemen voted Yes, viz.: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Adams, of Ward 16, Allen, Badger, Bigelow, Brigham, Dillaway, Edson, Fallon, Fraser, Hall, Hunt, Johnson, Kneeland, Lamson, Learnard, Lewis, S. K. Lothrop, McDonough, M. Merrill, Monroe, James Morse, Ordway, J. W. Porter, Wm. J. Porter, Reed, Reynolds, Richardson, Sanford, Shackford, Shattuck, Slade, Swan, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Waldock, Waterston, Wilson, and Woods, — 41; and the following gentlemen voted No, viz.: Messrs. Fennelly, Jellison and Rankin, — 3.

A quorum not having voted, the Chair declared the order not adopted.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 28, 1871.

A meeting of the Sch ool Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of March, 1871, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Ames, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Cudworth, Fallon, Fogg, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Jarvis, Lewis, Maguire, McKendry, Packard, Pelletier, Porter, of Ward 16, Shackford, Shurtleff, Whelton, Willard, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Vocal and Physical Culture: L. B. Monroe to be employed. The Chair put to the meeting the question upon the order which was before the Board at the last meeting, when it adjourned for want of a quorum; to wit, the order reported by the Committee on Salaries (No. 3, page 27, of the Minutes), to authorize employing Mr. L. B. Monroe to give instruction in Vocal and Physical Culture, etc.; and the question being taken, the order was adopted.

Report of Committee on changes in organization, powers, etc., of the Board. Mr. Stedman submitted, in print, agreeably to a vote at the last meeting, the report of the special committee upon the subject of changes in the organization, powers, etc., of the School Committee, with the following orders, of which they recommended the adoption: —

1. *Ordered*, That there be elected by this Board, at the meeting in June, three Assistant Superintendents of Schools, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the Superintendent, to examine all the pupils in the public schools at least once in each half year, the results to be reported to the Board in detail by the Superintendent; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report, at the meeting in April next, such amendments of the Regulations as may be necessary to carry this order into effect.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Reorganization of the Board be, and hereby are, instructed to ask the legislature to amend the City Charter so as to provide that only three members of the Board shall be elected by each Ward, instead of six, as is now provided for; one member being elected each year, in each Ward, to serve three years.

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Reorganization of the Board be, and hereby are, instructed to ask of the legislature an amendment of the City Charter, striking out the provision requiring the Mayor to preside, when present, at the meetings of the Board.

4. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Reorganization of the Board be requested to ask the legislature so to amend the City Charter as to provide that no school-house shall be located, erected, or materially altered, until the School Committee shall have approved, in writing, the location and the plans of the same.

On motion of Mr. Stedman, the Board took up and considered the orders separately.

Voted, on motion of Mr. S. K. Lothrop, to take the question upon the second order first.

Yeas and nays.

Dr. Ordway moved an indefinite postponement of the whole subject. Upon this, on motion of Mr. Bowdlear, it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and, the question being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz: Messrs Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, Badger, Bigelow, Brown, Emery, Fennelly, Flynn, Fraser, Green, Hobbs, Holbrook, Johnson, McDonough, Means, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Noble, Ordway, Porter, of Ward 2, Rankin, Ricker, Slade, Swan, and Wilson, — 25; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Bachelder, Bowdlear, Brigham, Burroughs, Curtis, Dillaway, Edson, Flint, Frost, Hall, Hunt, Jellison, Kneeland, Lamson, Learnard, L. Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 11, Monroe, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Richardson,

Rust, Sanford, Shattuck, Stedman, Streeter, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, and Woods, — 38. So the motion did not pass.

The question being upon order No. 2, Mr. Holbrook moved, and it was voted, to take the question by yeas and nays; and the question being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, namely: Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Brigham, Burroughs, Curtis, Dillaway, Edson, Flint, Hunt, Jellison, Learnard, L. Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, Merrill of Ward 11, Monroe, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Shattuck, Stedman, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, and Woods, — 23; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, Bachelder, Badger, Bigelow, Bowdlear, Brown, Emery, Fennelly, Flynn, Fraser, Frost, Green, Hall, Hobbs, Holbrook, Johnson, Kneeland, Lamson, Mason, McDonough, Means, H. G. Morse, James Morse, Noble, Ordway, Porter of Ward 2, Rankin, Richardson, Ricker, Rust, Sanford, Slade, Streeter, Swan, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Waterston, and Wilson, — 41. So the order did not pass. Yeas and nays.

The question being now upon order No. 1, Mr. Sanford moved to amend the order by striking out in the second line, the words "assistant superintendents of schools," and inserting the word *examiners;* by striking out in the third line the words "in conjunction with the Superintendent"; and by striking out in the fourth line the words "the pupils in"; so that the order should read, "That there be elected by this Board, at the meeting in June, three examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine all the public schools," etc. Mr. Sanford's motion passed.

Mr. Learnard offered the following substitute for the foregoing order, as follows: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the matter of the reorganization of this Board be, and they hereby are, instructed to ask the Legislature to amend the City Charter,

so as to provide that this Board may be empowered to elect a number of examiners, not exceeding four; also, that the Board be further empowered to determine their respective salaries. The question was, first, upon substituting this order for the original order; and, the question thereon being taken, the substitution passed. The question then being taken upon the adoption of the order, Mr. Holbrook moved that the yeas and nays be taken, and the motion passed. The yeas and nays being taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 12, Adams of Ward 16, Bowdlear, Burroughs, Curtis, Emery, Flint, Frost, Hall, Hobbs, Hunt, Jellison, Kneeland, Lamson, Learnard, L. Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, Mason, Merrill of Ward 11, Monroe, Ordway, Prescott, Reed, Reynolds, Sanford, Shattuck, Stedman, Thornton, Upham, Waldock, Washburn, Waterston, and Woods, — 33; and the following gentlemen voted no, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 13, Allen, Bachelder, Badger, Bigelow, Brigham, Brown, Dillaway, Edson, Fennelly, Flynn, Fraser, Holbrook, Johnson, McDonough, Means, Jas. Morse, Noble, Porter of Ward 2, Rankin, Ricker, Richardson, Rust, Slade, Streeter, Swan, Toland, Tucker, and Wilson, — 29. The order was therefore adopted.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the order by adding the following: "but no member of this Board shall be eligible as a candidate for such examiner till at least one year after his connection with this Board shall have ceased." The motion passed.

Mr. Sanford moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was adopted, and, also, that the motion lie upon the table. The motion to lay the order upon the table passed.

The meeting then dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 11, 1871.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the Chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Brown, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Fennelly, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Ingalls, Lewis, L. Lothrop, Maguire, Mason, McKendry, Wm. B. Merrill, H. G. Morse, Pelletier, Reed, Shackford, Thornton, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, and Woodbury.

Vacancies filled in Committees. The Chair made the following appointments upon Committees, viz: Mr. Ames, of Ward 1, upon the Adams, Chapman, Lyman, and Prescott School District Committees, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. White. George F. Bigelow upon the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, in place of Mr. Pope, resigned. School for Deaf Mutes. Mr. Prescott upon the Rice School District Committee. Dr. Shurtleff upon the Committee on Industrial Schools, in place of Mr. Brown, who asked to be excused therefrom; Industrial School. all of which the Board confirmed.

School Festival. Committee of arrangements. The Chair also appointed the Committee on the Annual School Festival, as follows, viz: Messrs. Shattuck, Ingalls, Lamson, Fallon, Learnard, Ricker, Fennelly, H. G. Morse, and Sanford.

Declination of James H. Means. The Chair read the declination of James H. Means to accept his appointment upon the School Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Pope, of Ward 16. The declination was accepted.

Convention proposed. On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, it was voted that the usual message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy

caused by the declination of Mr. Means, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May next, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Chair appointed the following committee to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, viz: Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, McKendry, Swan, Merrill of Ward 14, and Baldwin.

Confirmation, etc. of teachers.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

English High School. — Robert E. Babson and L. Hall Grandgent, masters, their term of service as such to date from April 1st.

Bowditch School District. — Amelia E. N. Treadwell, commencing Feb. 1st.

Hancock School District. — Mary A. Ross, an assistant, and Josephine B. Silver, a primary teacher.

Lincoln School. — Martha B. Dinsmore, an assistant.

Shurtleff School District. — Ella R. Johnson and Edith A. Pope, primary teachers.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Latin School — Joseph W. Chadwick, master, services in said position commencing Jan. 1st.

Comins School District. — Anna E. Brackett, an assistant, and Sarah J. Cook, a primary teacher, both commencing March 1st.

Dearborn School. — Mary F. Walsh, an assistant, commencing March 6th.

Lawrence School. — H. A. Clapp, usher, and M. A. Conroye, an assistant; the services of Miss Conroye commencing April 3d.

Lewis School. — Charles F. King, sub-master, commencing April 1st, and Lucette F. Bean, an assistant, commencing March 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Louisa Doolittle, commencing March 7th, and Mary Cutler, commencing March 16th, primary teachers.

Norcross School. — Emma L. Eaton, an assistant, commencing March 8th.

Shurtleff School. — Julia M. Pease, an assistant, commencing March 6th.

Free Evening Drawing School. — Frank L. Fernald, commencing in December.

Mr. Slade presented the resignation of Harriet B. Vose, a primary teacher in the Hancock School District, the same taking effect March 1st.

The Chair submitted the following order, which had been offered at previous meeting, to wit: —

Dorchester District: Single desks and chairs; Stoughton School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable single desks and chairs for the scholars in all the rooms of the schools of the Dorchester District not already provided with suitable furniture; and also to remodel the Stoughton School-house, so that it shall contain a hall and eight school-rooms. The order was referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Mrs. L. S. Batchelder; Committee on accounts to inquire and report, etc.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Washburn, That the Committee on Accounts inquire what amount, if anything, is due Mrs. L. S. Batchelder, for rent of rooms, expenses incurred, and for services rendered, in an experiment made by her in the summer of 1869, to establish an Industrial School for girls, at the instance, and under the direction of a committee of this Board appointed for the purpose; and that they be requested to report the result of their investigations at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Brigham,—

Drawing; public exhibition.

Ordeerd, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to hold an exhibition of the work done in this department the past winter in the Free Drawing school and in the public Schools, in such a suitable hall as they may obtain for the occasion, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars; that the exhibition be held the first week in May; and that this order be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Report of Committee on School-houses; accommodations in Chapman School.

Mr. Jellison read the report of the Committee on School-Houses, upon the subject of the order referred to that committee March 14th, respecting additional accommodation for the Chapman School. The committee, in view of the circumstances of the Chapman and Lyman School sections, recommended the passage of the following order: —

School sections in East Boston.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-Houses and School Sections take into consideration the subject of re-arranging the Grammar School sections of East Boston, so as best to accommodate the pupils of that Ward; and, as soon as practicable, report to this Board.

The order was adopted.

Report of Committee on Text-books; introduction of new text-books.

Dr. Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Text-Books upon the following subjects, to wit: 1st. Upon the order offered Feb. 21st, to provide that no new text-book be introduced into any High school until it has been recommended by the Committee on Text-Books, and approved by this Board in the manner required by law. The Committee report that the manner of bringing new books into use in the High schools is not in harmony with the statutes, which require all text-books to be examined and recommended by the Committee on Text-Books, and that this provision includes books of reference. The committee, therefore, recommend that the order referred to them be amended, to meet these requirements. 2d. Upon the subject of placing copies of Thomas's Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology, as a book of reference, in each High and Grammar School, recommending the passage of an order to that effect. 3d. Upon the order referred to them March 14th, to authorize the Committee on Accounts to expend not exceeding $500 for books of reference for the Latin School. The committee have examined the list of books asked for, and find it wisely and judiciously made, and recommend that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to purchase the books, with one exception, viz, the item of

Thomas's Pron. Dictionary.

Books of reference for Latin School.

twenty copies of Volume 1 of Hudson's School Shakespeare, which they think should come under the general law requiring scholars to furnish their own text-books.

In connection with their report, the committee submit the following orders: —

1. *Ordered,* That no new text-book or book of reference be introduced into any public school until it has been recommended by the Committee on Text-Books, and approved by the Board, and that the Rules be amended to conform to this order.

2. *Ordered,* That one copy of "Thomas's Pronouncing Dictionary of Biography and Mythology," published by Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, be introduced as a book of reference into each High and Grammar school, provided it can be obtained at a price satisfactory to the Committee on Accounts.

3. *Ordered,* That, from the list of books of reference for the Latin School, prepared by the committee of that school, one item, viz: 20 copies of volume 1 of Hudson's School Shakespeare" be stricken out, and that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to purchase, for the use of the school, all the other works on said list.

The question then being upon the orders, order No. 1 was adopted. Order No. 2 being under consideration, Mr. Bowdlear moved to strike out therein the words "and Grammar," so as to confine the introduction to the High schools. After some further discussion, Mr. Ricker moved, and it was voted, to lay the report upon the table.

Dr. Hall submitted and read reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as follows: — Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations: Head assistant for Atherton School;

1st. Upon the order offered, March 14th, to provide that the principal teacher of the Atherton School have the rank and salary of head-assistant, this provision to take effect March 1st. The committee recommended the passage of the order, and the order passed. (See Minutes, page 23.)

Vacations. 2d. Upon the subject of vacations, upon which the committee reported, Feb. 21st, which report was re-committed to them, March 14th. The committee recommended the adoption of Sects. 34 and 36 as originally reported by them, amended by the restoration of Artillery Election as a holiday and the insertion of Decoration Day; and by further amending Section 36, so that the last paragraph shall read, No other holidays shall be allowed, except by vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of a majority of the district or standing committee.

The report was orderd to be laid upon the table and printed.

Morning sessions of Grammar and Primary Schools. 3d. Upon the order passed Feb. 21, instructing the committee to consider the expediency of so amending the regulations of the Public Schools that the Grammar and Primary Schools shall commence their morning sessions at 9 o'clock, and close the same at 12 o'clock the present year.

The committee report that the proposed change has been many times strongly urged before the Board, and that it seems to them the time has come when the change should be made. The committee asked the opinion of the Grammar masters in regard to the matter, as pertaining to the welfare of the schools. In the replies of the masters there is a remarkable similarity in the reasons which are given in favor of making the change. The committee therefore offered the following order: —

Regulations amended. *Ordered*, That, in Chap. IX., Sect. 3, of the Rules and Regulations, the words commencing in the third line, "from the first Monday in September to the first Monday in May, and for the remainder of the school year it shall commence at 8 o'clock and close at 11 o'clock," and the words "throughout the year," in the sixth line, be stricken out.

The question being taken upon the order, the order passed.

4th. Upon the order offered Feb. 21st, that Chap. IV., Sect. 6, be amended so as to provide that copies of text-books which it is sought to introduce into the schools be placed in the rooms of the School Committee, for the inspection of the members; and that the provision requiring the furnishing of copies of new text-books to each member before the book shall be adopted be stricken out. Introduction of new text-books.

The committee recommend that said section be amended in conformity with said order, so that it shall read as follows: Section 6. The Committee on Text Books shall consider every application to introduce a new text-book into the Schools; and, if favorably impressed therewith, shall notify the Board, and see that a sufficient number of copies of said book be deposited with the Secretary of the Board, in the rooms of the School Committee, for examination by the members, as a condition of its being considered by the Board, etc. The question was taken upon the proposed amendment, and it was adopted. Regulations amended.

5th. Upon the order offered Jan. 9th, proposing to amend Chap. I., Sect. 2, so as to provide that the standing committees on the Latin, English High, Girls' High and Normal, and Roxbury High Schools shall consist of seven members. The committee recommended the passage of the original order. On motion of Mr. Noble, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the report. Committees on the High Schools.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

The Joint Committee, to whom was referred the matter of making three Saturdays in each month holidays in the Latin School, respectfully report: That two public hearings have been held upon the subject, and the committee have the matter still under consideration, and they request that they may be allowed to report in print at or before the regular monthly meeting in May. Thereupon it was voted that the request of the committee be granted. Latin School: Saturdays holidays; Committee to report in print.

Mr. Washburn offered the following: —

Latin School; tuition of non-residents.

The Committee on the Latin School recommend that masters R. S. Wade, George L. Giles, J. E. Giles, and C. S. Gibson, members of said school, be exempt from paying tuition as non-residents. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Report of Committee on changes in organization, powers etc., of the Board.

The Board having during the meeting twice voted to postpone to a stated hour the consideration of the unfinished business of the preceding meetings, now took up the report of the committee on the subject of changes in the organization, powers, etc., of the School Committee, — page 29 of the Minutes. The question being upon Order No. 3, the Board voted, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 14, to postpone the matter indefinitely.

The Board refused to take from the table, upon motion of Mr. Holbrook, the motion made at the last meeting to reconsider the vote whereby the order was adopted instructing the committee "to ask the legislature to amend the city charter so as to provide that this Board may be empowered to elect a number of examiners," etc.

Report of Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School: a normal school, with schools of practice; department for practical instruction.

Mr. Burroughs read the report of the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, upon matters which had been referred to them, to wit: the subject of the establishment of "a Normal School, with schools of practice attached," offered Jan. 10, 1870; and the order reported by the committee on the subject of Industrial Schools, May 10th, 1870, referred to this committee Nov. 8th, "that a department for practical instruction be added to the Girls' High and Normal School," etc.; and also, upon the subject of recognizing the advanced class of graduates who are pursuing their studies under the direction of the head-master, as a portion of the school.

The committee recommend the establishment of a Normal School for girls, to be distinct from the High School, and under a separate head-master, both schools to be under the supervision of the same committee.

They also recommend that graduates of the High School, and others who are found to have received a sufficient education, be admitted to the Normal School; that the course of study occupy one year; and that diplomas of graduation be given to those who shall be found qualified to become teachers.

The committee cordially approve the recommendation of the committee on the subject of Industrial Schools, and further recommend that those graduates of the High School who desire to remain a fourth year be allowed to form classes in special courses, including the continuation of the school studies; — book-keeping, designing, telegraphing, drawing on wood and stone, and needle-work.

The committee offered the following order for adoption:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to report to this Board for its consideration a plan for the organization of a Normal School, together with such changes in the Rules and Regulations as may be required in order to carry into effect the recommendations herewith submitted.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the report.

The following orders were severally referred to the Committee on School-Houses: —

1. By Dr. Packard, *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to procure a lot of land, and to erect thereon a Primary School-house for the Bigelow School District. Bigelow School District; new Primary School-house.

2. By Mr. James Morse, *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to continue the brick wall around the Dearborn School-house lot on Hartopp place, and to make an entrance to the boys' yard from said place. Dearborn School-house lot.

3. By Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to procure a suitable site for a New Primary School-house in the Norcross School District, as near as practicable to the Norcross School-house. Norcross School District: site for new Primary School-house.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Eng. High School; Maximum salary to two teachers.

1. By Mr. Prescott, That in consideration of their long term of service in the English High School, Mr. Babson and Mr. Grandgent receive the maximum salary of masters in said school from the date of their appointment to those positions.

Lawrence District; extra services of Miss Newell; salary of Mr. Buck.

2. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, That the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to Miss Ann E. Newell, for extra services in the Mather Building in the Lawrence District.

3. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, That the salary of the late Clarence C. Buck, usher in the Lawrence School, be continued for the quarter subsequent to his death.

Bowditch District; salary of Miss Hopkins.

4. By Dr. Ordway, That the salary of the late H. Isabella Hopkins, a teacher in the Bowditch School District, be paid for the three months succeeding the last payment of her salary.

Winthrop District; pay of a substitute.

5. By Dr. Shattuck, That the substitute serving in Miss Riley's class in the Primary School in Hudson street, Winthrop District, at the time of Miss Riley's death, be paid by this Board for her services at that time.

Maximum salary to Miss Treadwell.

6. By Dr. Ordway, That there be paid to Amelia E. N. Treadwell the maximum salary from the commencement of the current school-year, after deducting compensation for a substitute, in consideration of her long and faithful services as a teacher in our public schools.

Shurtleff District; New Primary School house named the Clinch School.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Primary School building now in process of erection in the rear of the Shurtleff School-house, on F street, near Seventh street, be named the "Clinch" Primary School, in honor of Rev. J. H. Clinch, formerly Rector of St. Matthew's Church, a member of the School Committee for many years, and an honored and respected citizen of that section of the city.

Mr. Sanford offered the following: —

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to investigate and report upon all the causes connected with the public schools of this city tending to undermine

the vigor of the scholars therein; and that this committee consist of three members of this Board, together with two citizens of Boston not members of this Board, able and competent to such investigation.

Referred to the committee having under consideration the matter of making Saturdays holidays in the Latin School.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, That the city government be requested to provide working tables, and furnish the other required fixtures for the laboratory of the Dorchester High School. Dorchester High School laboratory.

Mr. Learnard offered the two following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That a copy of Walling & Gray's Atlas of the State of Massachusetts be placed as a book of reference in each High and Grammar school of this city. Reference books; Walling & Gray's Atlas.

2. *Ordered*, That a sum not exceeding $600.00 be appropriated for clerk-hire in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, the expenditure to be made under the direction of the Committee on Accounts. Clerk hire for Superintendent.

The first of the orders was referred to the Committee on Text-Books; the second order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Lamson offered the following orders, and they were severally referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

1. *Ordered*, That Chapter IX., Section 13, commencing in the fifth line from the end of the section, be amended so as to read — Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted on a pupil in a Grammar or Primary school without the consent and approval of the master of the district, first obtained in each and every case. Corporal punishment.

2. *Ordered*, That Sec. 36, Chap. IX., be amended by striking out, so that it shall read, commencing in the nineteenth line, — The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools, not exceeding three days in each municipal year. President to suspend Schools.

3. *Ordered,* That the following be added to the third section of chapter nine, of the Rules and Regulations: —

Dismissal of Schools in stormy weather.

The Superintendent is authorized to decide when to dismiss the Grammar and Primary Schools for the afternoon sessions on account of stormy weather. The signal for dismission shall be the striking of the number 22, and repeating, on the Fire Alarm Bells, at a quarter before 12 o'clock. When the school shall be dismissed in accordance with this signal, the morning session will be lengthened to four hours' duration. If the signal is given, all the Grammar and Primary Schools are to be dismissed; if the signal is not given, none of these schools are to be dismissed on account of stormy weather.

Mr. Ricker offered the following order: —

Primary School-house in High Street Place.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses and Grammar School Sections be, and hereby are, directed to inquire into the propriety of relinquishing to the City Council the property known as the High Street Place Primary School-house, providing for the scholars in the East Street School-house, and the teachers in other localities as vacancies occur.

Referred, on motion of Dr. Ordway, to the Committee on the Bowditch School District.

Mr. Noble offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses, in considering the subject of re-arranging the lines of the school sections in Ward One, do so in consultation with the respective district committees.

Mr. Huse moved a reference of the subject to the Committee on School-houses.

Pending the consideration of the question, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 9, 1871.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of May, 1871, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Blenkinsop, Brown, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Edson, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Huse, Hutchins, Ingalls, Lewis, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Reynolds, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Stedman, Thornton, Upham, Wilson, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Convention held. The Chair read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition of the Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Pope.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy, reported the name of William Sayward, and the report was accepted. Mr. Swan submitted the name of Henry J. Nazro, and advocated his election.

The convention was held. The Chair appointed Alderman Plummer, and Messrs. Brigham and Streeter, a committee to collect the ballots, who afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 73; necessary for a choice, 37. Henry J. Nazro had 35, William Sayward had 38; and Mr. Sayward was declared elected. The business of the convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

Wm. Sayward chosen.

School sections in Ward one. The Chair stated to the meeting the business under consideration at the last meeting when it adjourned, viz, the motion to refer to the Committee on School-houses the order offered by Mr. Noble, to wit: That the Committee on

School-houses, in considering the subject of re arranging the lines of the school sections in Ward One, do so in consultation with the respective district committees. On motion of Mr. Jellison, the order was laid upon the table.

The following teachers were confirmed:—

Confirmation, etc., of teachers.

Eliot School. — Granville S. Webster, usher, and Hannah M. Seavey, an assistant.

Mayhew School. — Elizabeth S. Parker, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Bigelow School District. — Helen E. Whitcomb, a Primary teacher, commencing May 1.

Eliot School. — Frances Giles, an assistant, commencing January 23d.

Franklin School District. — Isadora Page, commencing March 20th.

Lawrence School. — Miss M. A. Conroye, an assistant, commencing March 1st.

Lincoln School. — Hannah A. Smith, an assistant, commencing April 19th.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Mary V. Woodman, an assistant in the Washington School, commencing May 1, and Mary S. Sprague, an assistant in the Dudley School, commencing March 30th.

Primary school-house in High street place.

Dr. Ordway, from the Bowditch School District Committee, to whom was referred, April 11, the order proposing to relinquish to the City Council the property known as the High street place Primary School-house, reported, recommending that the said property be so relinquished, the same to take effect at the end of the present school-year; and moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose. The report was accepted. The rules were suspended, and the recommendation was adopted.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regulations

On motion of Dr. Hall, the Board took up the printed report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the subject of Vacations, made at the last meeting.

By the amendments which the committee proposed, sections 34 and 36, chapter IX. will read as follows: — Vacations.

"SECT. 34. There shall be an exhibition of the Latin and High Schools on the second Tuesday in July, or on the day preceding; of the several Grammar Schools on the following Wednesday, excepting that the exhibitions of the Grammar Schools for girls may be held on the preceding day, if their respective committees shall so direct. Rules and Regulations Amended.

"The President of the Board shall assign the hour at which the several exhibitions shall commence, and they shall not exceed two hours in length. They shall be conducted in such a manner as to present the actual proficiency of the scholars in the studies pursued during the year.

"SECT. 36. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted to the schools, viz: every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, throughout the year; one week, commencing with Christmas day; New-Year's day, the Twenty-second of February, Good Friday, Fast Day, Decoration Day, Artillery Election, and the Fourth of July; Thanksgiving day and the remainder of the week; the week immediately preceding the second Monday in April; to the Primary Schools from the second Tuesday in July, and to the Grammar Schools from their respective exhibitions, to the first Monday in September; and to the Latin and High Schools from their respective exhibitions to the second Monday in September.

"The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools *on public occasions*, but not exceeding three days in each municipal year.

"No other holidays shall be allowed except by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of a majority of the district or standing committee."

Dr. Hall moved to amend the report by striking out, in the last sentence but one, the words "on public occasions, but," so that it shall read as follows: "The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools not exceeding three days in each municipal year." And the amendment passed.

The committee recommended that the amendments proposed take effect June 6th.

Sections 34 and 36, as proposed by the committee and amended, were then adopted.

Dismissal of schools in stormy weather.

Rules and Regulations amended.

Dr. Hall submitted and read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order referred to that committee April 11, proposing to add to the Rules and Regulations the provision for the dismissal of the schools in stormy weather (page 44 of the Minutes). The committee reported that the regulation for this purpose has been in force for some time, but has not been incorporated in the Rules and Regulations, and recommended that the said provision be added to section 3, chapter 9. The report was accepted, and the amendment was adopted.

Sessions of Girl's High and Normal school.

Dr. Hall read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order referred to the committee Feb. 21st, to provide that the daily sessions of the Girls' High and Normal School be from nine to two o'clock, except on Saturday, when there shall be no session of the school.

The committee reported in favor of the amendment, for the reasons that the committee upon the school desire the change; in most of the large cities the schools of the higher grade are not in session on Saturday; the ages of the girls in this school range from sixteen to eighteen, and a large portion of them assist in household duties, — in making and repairing their own garments, as well as looking after younger members of the family. Most of them are away from home from eight till three o'clock, which leaves little

time for rest and study, and some are obliged to study on Sunday. Most of the parents are desirous that there should be no session of the school on Saturday. The committee, herefore, offer the following order: —

Ordered, That sect. 5, chap. xv., be amended so that it shall read, The sessions of the school shall begin at nine o'clock, A. M., and close at two o'clock, P. M., except on Saturday, when there shall be no session.

On motion of Mr. Jellison, the report was laid upon the table.

Reports of Comm. on Salaries: Roxbury High school. Salary of teacher of drawing.

Dr. Allen, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon various matters, which had been referred to that committee, to wit: —

1. Upon the order offered March 14th, that the Committee on Salaries consider the expediency of increasing the salary of B. F. Nutting, teacher of drawing in the Roxbury High School, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Benjamin F. Nutting, as teacher of drawing in the Roxbury High School, be seven hundred dollars per annum, from and after May 1, 1871.

The question was taken upon the order and it was adopted.

Eng. High School; maximum salary to two teachers.

2. Upon the order proposing to pay Messrs. Babson and Grandgent, masters in the English High School, the maximum salary.

Lawrence District: Mr. Buck's salary.

3. Upon the order proposing that the salary of the late Clarence C. Buck be continued for the quarter subsequent to his death.

Bowditch District: salary of Miss Hopkins.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Bowditch School District Committee, that the salary of the late H. Isabella Hopkins be paid for three months succeeding the last payment of her salary. Recommending in each case the passage of the order.

The orders were severally adopted.

Winthrop District: pay of a substitute.

5. Upon the order proposing that the City pay for the services of the substitute for Miss Riley in the Primary School in Hudson street, Winthrop School District, at the time of Miss Riley's death. The committee recommended the passage of the following order : —

Ordered, That the amount of thirty four dollars and fifty cents be paid to the substitute serving in Miss Riley's class at the time of her death, to Oct. 1, 1870.

The order passed.

Reports of Comm. on Accounts.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, submitted the reports of the Committee on Accounts, upon the following matters referred to them : —

Telescope, etc., for Girls' High and Normal school.

1. Upon the order to authorize the committee to procure for the Girls' High and Normal School, a telescope, with charts, maps, etc. The committee recommended that the order be referred to the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, jointly with the Committee on Accounts, and that they have full power to procure a suitable instrument for that school.

The report was accepted.

Clerk-hire for superintendent.

2. Upon the order that a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum be appropriated for clerk-hire in the office of the Superintendent of Schools; recommending the adoption of the order. The question was taken upon the order, and the order passed. (Page 43 of the Minutes.)

Mrs. L. S. Batchelder.

3. Upon the order directing the committee to inquire and report respecting the amount which may be due Mrs. L. S. Batchelder, for expenses, etc., connected with an experiment made by her to establish an Industrial School under the direction of the committee of this Board. The committee report that they have given Mrs. Batchelder and the special committee upon the subject a full hearing; but ask to be allowed further time for making their report. The Board voted that the committee have further time.

4. Upon the order referred to the committee February 21st, to provide that five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of models and casts for the use of the teachers in drawing, under the direction of the Committee on Drawing, recommending that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to carry out the provisions of the order, upon requisitions from the Committee on Drawing. They also offered the following order: — Drawing: appropriation for models and casts.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be directed to take such measure as shall limit the expenses for salaries of the instructors in drawing in the public schools to $10,000. The report was accepted and the order adopted.

Dr. Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Text-books, upon the order that a copy of Walling & Gray's Atlas of Massachusetts be placed as a book of reference in the High and Grammar Schools; that the committee do not recommend the adoption of the order for the reasons, viz: that the work is offered at a very high price; that it does not meet its promise and purpose so fully as might be demanded, and that we do not aim or wish to teach geography so minutely as to make this map or maps of the counties needed as a book of reference. The report was laid upon the table. Report of Committee on Text-books: Walling and Gray's atlas.

Mr. Jellison read the reports of the Committee on School houses: 1st. Upon the order to request the City Council to provide single desks for the schools in the Dorchester District, in cases where they are not now supplied. 2d. Upon the order to request the City Council to procure a suitable site for a new Primary School-house in the Norcross School District; both of the orders were adopted. Reports of Committee on School-houses: single desks and chairs in Dorchester District. Norcross District: New Primary school house.

On motion of Mr. Underwood: —

Ordered, That the sum of six thousand dollars be appropriated for the Annual Exhibition of Music, and for the Annual School Festival, under the charge of the respective committees; all the bills for said exhibition and festival to be approved by the Committee on Accounts. Appropriation for musical exhibition and school festival.

Drawing school: accommodations for casts and models.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended, and the order passed: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up the upper story of the Primary School building, on Appleton street, for a Drawing School for the teachers of Boston, and to provide therein suitable accommodations for the casts and models presented to the city by Mr. C. C. Perkins.

Evening schools: committee to report in print.

Dr. Curtis, from the Committee on Evening Schools, asked and was granted leave for the committee to report in print.

Latin school: Saturdays holidays. Report of committee.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of making Saturdays holidays in the Latin School, submitted in print, agreeably to a vote of the Board at the last meeting, the report of that committee, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Dr. Curtis offered the following: —

Girls' High and Normal school: Kindergarten.

Ordered, That an appointment be made of a teacher at the Girls' High and Normal School, who may instruct a class in the principles and practice of the Kindergarten, and, in connection with this class, carry on two or more Kindergartens. Referred, on motion of Mr. Shackford, to the Committee on Girls' High and Normal School.

Rules and Regulations amended.

Mr. Burroughs moved to amend the rules and regulations by striking out Sect. 6, of Chapter XV., and moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose. The rules were suspended and the motion passed.

Mr. Flint offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage. The rules were suspended and the order passed: —

Rice School District: single sessions for Primary schools in Suffolk st.

Ordered. That the Rice District Committee be authorized to discontinue the afternoon session of the Suffolk street Primary School, and to hold one session a day in said school from nine o'clock till one.

Dr. Allen offered the following order, and the same was referred to the Committee on School houses: —

Sherwin District: new Primary school house.

Ordered, That the City Council cause to be erected a suitable building for Primary School purposes in the Sherwin School District.

Dr. Streeter offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on School-houses: —

Washington and Dudley District: New Grammar school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar School-house in the Washington and Dudley School District, for the better accommodation of said schools.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print the expenditures of the department of Public Schools for the financial year 1870–'71. Passed.

Committee on Accounts to report in print.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish, if possible, additional accommodation for the Committee on Accounts within the City Hall. Passed.

Accommodations for Committee on Accounts.

3. *Ordered*, That a Boston Directory be furnished each of the High and Grammar Schools of this city. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Boston Directory for the schools.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board voted to suspend the sessions of the Grammar Schools on the morning of the day appointed for the musical exhibition, May 24.

Sessions of the Grammar schools suspended.

Dr. Lothrop submitted the recommendation of the Committee on the English High School, that the tuition of the following named pupils in that school, whose parents do not reside in the city, be remitted to them, and that they be permitted to complete their course at the school free of charge, viz: M. A. Russ and Fred L. Wier, of the second class, and S. E. Brown, of the third class. The Board adopted the recommendation.

Eng. High school: tuition of non-residents remitted.

On motion of Mr. Flint, —

Ordered: That the Committee on Salaries consider and report upon the expediency of increasing the salaries of the ushers in the Grammar Schools.

Salaries of ushers.

Mr. Hunt offered the following: —

Special assignment. Report of Committee on Text-books.

Ordered, That the reports and orders offered by the Text-book Committee, at previous meetings of this Board, be specially assigned for consideration, at eight o'clock at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Jellison moved to substitute eight and a half o'clock for eight o'clock in the order. Mr. Shackford moved to lay the order on the table, and the motion passed.

Mr. Shackford moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Text-books made at the last meeting, which motion prevailed. Mr. Shackford also moved that order number 3, submitted in connection with said report, be adopted. Dr. Lothrop moved to amend the order so as to provide that all of the books asked for by the Committee on the Latin School be furnished by the Committee on Accounts. The motion passed, and the order as amended was then adopted.

Dr. Lothrop moved to adopt order number 2 of said report. Pending the consideration of this motion, the Board, on motion of Dr. Ordway, adjourned.

Attest.

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 13, 1871.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Ames, Baldwin Blenkinsop, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Emery, Fennelly, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Ingalls, H. G. Morse, Reed, Sayward, Thornton, Washburn, Waterston, Whelton, and the President of the Common Council.

Report of Com. on Text-books. The Chair stated the unfinished business of the previous meeting, viz, the consideration of the motion of Dr. Lothrop to adopt order No. 2 of the report of the Committee on Text-books, made in April. (See page 37 of the minutes.) The question was taken upon the order, and the order passed.

Teachers confirmed, nominated, etc. The following teachers were confirmed: —

Brimmer School. — T. H. Wason, usher.

Dearborn School District. — Eva L. Holbrook, an assistant. Miss Holbrook was also nominated as head assistant, her services as such to commence June 1st. Mary F. Walsh, an assistant.

Dwight School. — Oscar D. Robinson, usher.

Everett School. — S. Flora Chandler, head assistant, and Ann R. Gavett, an assistant.

Lewis School. — Susan A. Dutton, an assistant.

Lincoln School. — Hannah A. Smith, an assistant.

Phillips School. — George Perkins, usher; Sarah E. Frye, and Martha F. Whitman, assistants.

Quincy School. — George W. Neal, sub-master.

Rice School District. — Dora Brown, an assistant; C. Josephine Bates, a Primary teacher.

Sherwin School District. — Julia F. Long, master's head assistant; Mary E. Holbrook, head assistant; Josephine D. Snow and Frances L. Stockman, assistants; and Clara C. Walker, a Primary teacher.

Wells School District. — Georgiana D. Barstow, a Primary teacher.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: —

Bigelow School. — Malvina Tenney, services commencing June 6th.

Bowditch School. — Mary M. T. Foley, head assistant, services commencing June 1; and Anna M. Le Cain, a Primary teacher, commencing June 5th.

Comins School District. — Penelope Hayes, a Primary teacher, commencing March 6th.

Dearborn School District. — Hattie K. Dunham, a Primary teacher, commencing May 15th.

Dwight School. — Annie H. Berry, an assistant, commencing March 11th.

Hancock School District. — Caroline E. Bell, a Primary teacher, services commencing June 14th.

Dorchester School District. — Mary C. Edes, an assistant in the Harris School, commencing May 1st.

The Bowditch School District Committee report the transfer of Miss Ruth A. Clapp from a Primary School, to be an assistant in the Bowditch School. The Board confirmed the transfer.

The Dearborn School District Committee presented the resignation of Miss Sarah A. Adams, an assistant, to take effect September 1st. Accepted.

The Shurtleff District Committee presented the resignation of Mary E. Frye, to take effect June 5th. Accepted.

Bowditch District. Maximum salary.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Ordway, that Miss Anna M. Le Cain, a Primary teacher in the Bowditch School District, commencing June 5th, be paid the maximum salary in consideration of her long and faithful services.

Mr. L. Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries, in pursuance of an order passed May 9th, directing the committee to consider and report upon the expediency of increasing the salaries of the ushers in the Grammar Schools. The committee recommended the adoption of the following order: — Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That, from and after the beginning of the next school-year, the salary of usher shall be for the first year at the rate of seventeen hundred dollars, and subsequently at the rate of two thousand dollars, per annum. Salaries of ushers.

Mr. L. Lothrop also read the report of the Committee on Salaries upon the order referred to the committee April 11th, proposing that $200 be paid to Miss Ann E. Newell, for extra services in the Lawrence School District, to wit: That "the committee are of the opinion that the order should not be adopted." The report was accepted. Lawrence District. extra services of Miss Newell. Report of Com. on Text-books.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the annual report of the Committee on Text-books, — That they see no occasion for any change in the general course of study and instruction in the Primary and Grammar Schools. The programme of studies, as prepared by the Superintendent of Schools, is admirably arranged, and the schools are in good and progressive condition in proportion as the programme is adhered to and carried out; and that they see no occasion for any important changes in text-books. The committee submit and recommend the adoption of the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That "Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Geology" be used as a text-book in the Girls' High and Normal School, and in any other High School where the committee may desire a text-book on this subject. Steele's geology.

2. *Ordered*, That Underwood's Handbook of English Literature be used as a Text-book in the Public Latin School. That the committee of the other High Schools be authorized to use it as a substitute for, or an addition to, such other Text-books on English literature as may have been introduced already into their schools. Underwood's Handbook of Eng. Lit.

Steele's Nat. Phil.

3. *Ordered*, That "Steele's Fourteen Weeks of Natural Philosophy," be used as a Text-book in this department in the first class of the Grammar Schools.

Anderson's Historical Reader.

4. *Ordered*, That Anderson's Historical Reader be a permitted book, to be used in the place of Hillard's First Class Reader in any Grammar school where the master and the sub-committee of the district may so elect and determine.

Nat. Prim. School Slate.

5. *Ordered*, That the National Primary School Slate be permitted in any Primary school where the district committee deem it expedient to use it.

Spencerian Writing Books.

6. *Ordered*, That "The Spencerian System of Writing Books" be added to the list of writing books permitted to be used in the Public Schools.

Books of Reference.

7. *Ordered*, That the following works be stricken from the list of Books of Reference to be furnished to the schools, viz: Arnold's History of Rome, Barnard's American Journal of Education, Drake's History of Boston, Frothingham's Life of Warren, Frothingham's Siege of Boston, Schouler's History of Massachusetts in the Civil War, Irving's Life of Washington, Life of Josiah Quincy, Life of Samuel Adams, Marsh's Man and Nature, Smith's History of Greece, Soule and Wheeler's Manual of English Pronunciation and Spelling, and Urbino's German Charts of Natural History.

The orders were laid upon the table.

Reports Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Jellison submitted and read the following reports of the Committee on School-houses: —

1. Upon the order referred to the committee April 11th, to request the City Council to remodel the Stoughton School-house so that it shall contain a hall and eight school-rooms. The committee submitted the following order: —

Stoughton School house.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested so to alter the second story of the Stoughton School-house as to provide four school-rooms, in place of the hall and small rooms as now arranged.

The order was adopted.

2. Upon the order referred to the committee Feb. 21st, that the City Council be requested to take the necessary steps toward the erection of a new Grammar School-house at the City Point, in Ward 12. New Grammar School-house at City Point.

The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to purchase a suitable lot of land in South Boston, near M and Sixth streets, and erect thereon a Grammar School-house, to contain not less than fourteen rooms and a hall. The question was taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

3. Upon the order passed April 11th, directing the committee to take into consideration the subject of re-arranging the School sections of East Boston, and to report to this Board. School Sections in E. B.

The committee reported for adoption the following orders, to wit: —

1. *Ordered,* That on and after the first day of September next, the boundary line of the Chapman School section shall be as follows: beginning at the Mystic river and running easterly through the centre of Central square and Bennington street to Marion street, thence by its present boundary line to Chelsea Creek, and to the point of beginning.

2. *Ordered,* That on and after the first day of September next, the boundary line of the Lyman School section shall be as follows: beginning at the Mystic river and running easterly through the centre of Central square and Bennington to Marion street, thence by the centre of Marion street to the railroad, thence along the line of the railroad to Decatur street, thence by its present boundary line to the point of beginning.

The question was taken upon the two orders separately, and they were both adopted.

Mr. Burroughs submitted the following orders: —

1. *Ordered,* That Section 3d of Chapter XV. be amend- Rules and

Regulations amended.

ed by striking out in the second line, "Wednesday and Thursday," and inserting the words Thursday and Friday.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable cases for Botanical, Mineralogical and Zoölogical specimens, in the Girls' High and Normal School-house.

Tuition of non-resident pupils. Girls' High and Normal School.

3. *Ordered*, That those non-resident pupils in the Girls' High and Normal School who have represented their inability to pay tuition, be excused from payment for the present school year.

Non-resident pupils to pay.

4. *Ordered*, That public notice be given that after the present school-year all non-resident pupils will be required to pay the cost of tuition.

Mr. Burroughs moved a suspension of the rules for the passage of the first of the orders, which motion passed.

The question was taken upon the several orders, and they were adopted.

Girls' High and Normal School: Thanks to donors.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following vote: —

Voted, That the School Committee of the City of Boston hereby return to the members of the Social Science Association and others who have presented the casts that ornament the hall of the Girls' High and Normal School, their grateful acknowledgment, thanking them severally for their generosity for this manifestation of their interest in our system of public education, and for the encouragement which they have given to the general study of Art in its best and highest forms. Passed.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs, it was —

Voted, That a copy of the foregoing vote, signed by the President and the Secretary of this Board, be transmitted to each of the said donors.

It was also, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, —

Chas. C. Perkins.

Voted, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Mr. Charles C. Perkins, for his kindness in selecting and procuring the casts, and for the valuable, instructive, and interesting lectures upon Grecian Art, given by him to the pupils of the Girls' High and Normal School.

The Quarterly reports of the several High School and District Committees were presented and accepted. Quarterly reports.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following orders, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

1. *Ordered*, That, from and after the first of September next, three hundred dollars be added to the salary of Luther W. Anderson, as senior master of the English High School. Eng. High School: L. W. Anderson's salary;

2. *Ordered*, That, from and after the first of September next, the salary of Mr. N. F. Dracopoli, as teacher of French in the English High School, be $1,500. salary of teacher of French.

Mr. Shackford offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Latin School Committee be authorized to hold an examination of candidates for admission to the school at the close of the present term, as well as at the beginning of the fall term. Latin School; examination for admission.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider the amount fixed by the rules as the minimum salary of masters in the Latin School, and report to this Board an order making it equal to the minimum salary of masters in the Grammar Schools. Latin School: salary of masters.

The rules were suspended for the passage of the first of the orders. Both orders were then adopted.

Dr. Ordway offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on School-houses: — Schoolhouse in East Boston.

4. *Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place Primary desks and chairs in those rooms in the East street building, which now contain Grammar desks and chairs, under the direction of the Bowditch District Committee.

Mr. Stedman offered the following orders, both of which were adopted: — Boylston School; exhibition omitted; water-closets and gas.

1. *Ordered*, That as the Boylston School has no graduating class this year, the usual exhibition be omitted.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish proper water-closets for teachers in the Old Franklin

School-house, now occupied by the Boylston School; and also to introduce gas into those rooms in the building which are not suitably lighted.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order, and the same was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Dwight School; max. salar to usher.

Ordered, That the maximum salary for an usher be paid from Feb. 6, 1871, to Oscar D. Robinson, usher in the Dwight School, in consideration of his having previously taught in the school, and in view of the fact that he brings to the position eminent qualifications and large experience.

The following orders were offered and severally referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations: —

Bigelow School; additional sub-master.

1. (By Dr. Packard.) *Ordered,* That the Bigelow School District Committee be authorized to employ a sub-master to take charge of the Ticknor School, Washington Village.

Amendment proposed, to Rules and Regulations

2. (By Dr. Ordway.) *Ordered,* That Section 3, Chapter V. of the Rules and Regulations, be so amended that, following the words, "masters of the Grammar Schools," in the sixth line, it shall read, "and Superintendent of the Public Schools."

Notices of meetings of the Board.

3. (By Mr. Hunt.) *Ordered,* That the Secretary of the Board be required to name in the notices for the regular meetings, what unfinished business is before the Board for action; also, what business is specially assigned for the meetings for which the notices are intended.

Duties of certain standing committees.

4. (By Mr. Hunt.) *Ordered,* That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested so to amend the Rules and Regulations of this Board, as clearly to define the duties of the committees on Music, Vocal and Physical Culture, and Drawing; in order to avoid any conflict with the duties required of the committees of the several High and Grammar Schools.

Franklin School; cost of tuition remitted.

19. *Ordered,* On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, that the sum charged Mr. Joseph Symonds for the tuition of his daughter,

a member of the graduating class of the Franklin School, be remitted.

The following orders were offered, and were referred to the Committee on School-houses.

1. (By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16.) *Ordered,* That the City Government be requested to provide one additional room for the accommodation of the scholars of the Mather School, in the Dorchester District, at the commencement of the school year in September next. Dorchester District; additional accommodations.

2. (By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16.) *Ordered,* That the City Government be requested to erect a new school-house for the use of the Atherton School in the Dorchester District. New building for Atherton School.

3. (By Mr. Hobbs.) *Ordered,* That the City Council be requested to furnish forthwith further accommodations for the Primary schools on Heath Street. Comins' School Dist. additional accommodations.

4. (By Mr. Hobbs.) *Ordered,* That additional land be purchased at once for the enlargement of the school-yard of the Francis Street school.

Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, offered the following order: *Ordered,* That the tuition fees of Ella D. Sumner, a pupil of the Stoughton School, Dorchester District, daughter of Stephen Sumner, a resident of Milton, be remitted for the present year. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Dorchester District; tuition of a pupil.

Mr. Brigham submitted the following: —

The Committee on Drawing nominate as Normal Instructor in Drawing, Mr. Walter Smith, his term of service commencing June 1, 1871; as Instructors in Drawing, Henry Hitchings, Charles A. Barry, Charles A. Furneaux, — in place of W. N. Bartholomew, resigned, to take effect at the close of the school-year, — Mercy A. Bailey, Benjamin F. Nutting. Drawing: Instructors nominated.

The nomination of Mr. Smith was, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, referred to the Committee on Salaries; the nominations of the other teachers were confirmed.

Teachers of music nominated; salaries.

Dr. Upham offered the following: —

The Committee on Music respectfully nominate the following gentlemen to constitute the corps of music teachers for the ensuing year, viz: Mr. Julius Eichberg to be Supervisor of Music in the Public Schools, and teacher of Music in the High Schools.

Mr. J. B. Sharland to be director and teacher of music in the two upper classes of the Grammar Schools.

Mr. H. E. Holt is to be director and teacher of music in the lower classes of the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Luther W. Mason to be director and teacher of music in the Primary Schools.

And in connection with these nominations the committee respectfully offer the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Eichberg be fixed at $3,300, for the ensuing year; that of Messrs. Sharland, Holt, and Mason, at $3,300 each.

The nominations were confirmed. The order was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Supt. of Schools elected.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Schools, and went into secret session. The Chair appointed Messrs. Hunt, Learnard, and Ordway, a committee to collect the ballots for the choice of a Superintendent of Schools. The Committee proceeded and reported the whole number of ballots to be 76; necessary for a choice, 39. John D. Philbrick had 47; D. B. Hagar had 26, and there were three scattering. Mr. Philbrick was accordingly declared elected.

Salary of the Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop, the Board fixed the salary of the Superintendent at forty-five hundred dollars for the ensuing year, the same as for the past year.

Schools closed.

On motion of Mr. Cudworth, amended by Mr. Hutchins, the Board voted that the Public Schools be closed on the 17th of June and the 5th of July.

Instructors elected.

On motion of Dr. Hall, the Board proceeded to elect by ballot the head masters of the High and masters of the

Grammar Schools. The several committees nominated candidates for the respective places. The Chair appointed Messrs. Hall, Merrill of Ward 14, and Deblois, a committee to collect the ballots; who attended to that duty, and reported the number of ballots cast for each of the several candidates; whereupon it appeared that the following were elected to the places named for the ensuing school year: —

For head master of the *Latin School*, Francis Gardner; of the *English High School*, Charles M. Cumston; of the *Girls' High and Normal School*, Ephraim Hunt; of the *Roxbury High School*, Samuel M. Weston; of the *Dorchester High School*, Elbridge Smith; for master of the *Adams School*, Robert C. Metcalf; *Bigelow School*, Thomas H. Barnes; *Bowditch School*, Alfred Hewins; *Bowdoin School*, Daniel C. Brown; *Boylston School*, John Jameson; *Brimmer School*, Joshua Bates; *Chapman School*, George R. Marble; *Comins School*, Daniel W. Jones; *Dearborn School*, William H. Long; principal of the *Dudley School*, Sarah J. Baker; master of the *Dwight School*, James A. Page; *Eliot School*, Samuel W. Mason; *Everett School*, George B. Hyde; *Franklin School*, Granville B. Putnam; *Hancock School*, James W. Webster; *Lawrence School*, Larkin Dutton; *Lewis School*, Wm. L. P. Boardman; *Lincoln School*, C. Goodwin Clark; *Lyman School*, Hosea H. Lincoln; *Mayhew School*, Samuel Swan; *Norcross School*, Josiah A. Stearns; *Phillips School*, James Hovey; *Prescott School*, James F. Blackinton; *Quincy School*, E. Frank Wood; *Rice School*, Lucius A. Wheelock; *Sherwin School*, Silas C. Stone; *Shurtleff School*, Henry C. Hardon; *Washington School*, Leverett M. Chase; *Wells School*, Rodney G. Chase; *Winthrop School*, Robert Swan.

On motion of Mr. Loring Lothrop, —

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers of the Public Schools for the ensuing school year be at the same rate per annum as is paid the present year, with the exception that

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the usher's salary be at the rate per annum provided for by an order adopted by the Board this evening.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Wm. Sayward, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. Pope, upon the Committees on Printing, the Latin School, the Dorchester High School and the Dorchester School District. The Board confirmed the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Kneeland, it was voted that when the Board adjourn it adjourn for two weeks.

Election of instructors.

The Board then, upon the nomination of the several committees, elected the subordinate teachers in the High and Grammar Schools, teachers of the Primary Schools, of the Schools for Licensed Minors, the School for Deaf Mutes and the Kindergarten School.

Amendment of regulations proposed.

Dr. Waldock offered the following order, which, upon his motion, was laid upon the table.

Ordered, That Section 3d, Chapter XIV. of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting in the second line the words "Thursday and Friday," in place of the words "Wednesday and Thursday."

Dr. Lamson offered the following order:—

Pay roll of teachers for July.

Ordered, That the pay roll of the teachers of the Public Schools for July, include June, July, and August.

Referred with full powers to the Committee on Accounts.

The following were confirmed as masters in the Latin School, — Charles J. Capen, Moses Merrill, Augustine M. Gay, Joseph W. Chadwick, John S. White, jr., George W. Pierce, *special*, George W. Minns, *special*, Josiah G. Dearborn, A. H. Buck, William T. Reid; and P. Morand, Instructor in French.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the Board adjourned.

Attest.

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 27, 1871.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the chair.

Absent. Absent, Messrs. Bachelder, Blenkinsop, Burroughs, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Fallon, Foye, Garceau, Holbrook, Hunt, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, McKendry, Wm. B. Merrill, Morse, Nichols, Pelletier, J. W. Porter, Reed, Streeter, Thornton, Toland, Washburn, Waterston, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Minutes amended. *Voted*, On motion of Mr. Jellison, to amend the printed Minutes of the last meeting, page 62, so as to include an amendment offered by Mr. Ricker, to be added to the order offered by Dr. Ordway, in the following words, "and all other elective officers."

Teacher nominated. Mr. Ricker made the following nomination: —

Prescott School District. — Mary M. Foster, a Primary teacher commencing June 7.

Reports of Committee on Salaries. Mr. L. Lothrop from the Committee on Salaries submitted and read reports of that Committee upon matters which had been referred to them.

Dwight School. Max. Salary to Usher. 1. Upon the order proposing that the maximum salary of an usher be paid to Oscar D. Robinson, usher in the Dwight School.

The Committee reported that on account of the increase of the salary of an usher since Mr. Robinson

entered upon his duties, and of the fact that, by such increase, his compensation will in the course of two years exceed what he would have received had the maximum before said advance been paid him, they are of the opinion that the order should not be adopted.

The report was accepted.

Eng. High School. L. W. Anderson's salary.

2. Upon the order that, from and after the 1st of September next, $300 be added to the salary of Luther W. Anderson, as senior master in the English High School; recommending the adoption of the order. The question was taken upon the order and it did not pass.

Salaries of Teachers of Music.

3. Upon the order, referred to the Committee June 13, proposing that the salary of Julius Eichberg be $3,500, and that of Messrs. Sharland & Holt $3,300 each, the Committee recommended the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That the salary of Julius Eichberg be fixed at $3,300 for the ensuing year, and that of Messrs. Sharland and Holt at $3,000 each, for the ensuing year.

Adjournment.

Mr. Underwood moved to lay the proposed order upon the table, which passed; and also that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday evening, July 11, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., — which motion also passed.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following order: —

Dudley School.— Salary of Principal.

Ordered, That the salary of the principal of the Dudley School be $2,000 per annum, from the commencement of the next school year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Shackford offered the following: —

Annual election of Teachers: explanation or objection.

Ordered, That, hereafter, at the annual election of teachers, an opportunity be given for any member of the Board to make such explanation or objection as he may deem advisable, and that any name so objected to

shall not be included in the general ballot, but shall be considered immediately afterwards.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Ordway offered the following order: —

Election of Supt. of Schools: explanation or objection.

Ordered, That, hereafter, at the annual election of a Superintendent of Schools, an opportunity be given for any member to make such explanation or objection as he may deem advisable, and that any such name shall be considered after the general ballot.

On motion of Mr. Jellison, the order was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Curtis offered the following: —

Kindergarten School at the South-End.

Ordered, That a Kindergarten School be established at the South End.

On motion of Mr. Jellison, amended by Dr. Reynolds, the order was referred to the Committee on School-houses and School sections, in consultation with the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School.

Amendment of the Rules proposed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hutchins, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider the expediency of amending Chapter 11, Sect. 4, by substituting February for March.

Regulations amended.

On motion of Dr. Waldock, the order offered by him June 13th (page 66 of the Minutes) was taken from the table; the question was taken upon the order, and the order passed; the rules, on motion of Dr. Waldock, being suspended for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, amended by Dr. Reynolds, it was

Ordered, That, in the construction of the Rules of this Board, all of Section 2, Chap. v. following the word *year*, in the third line, be considered as not a part of the section.

Adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

In School Committee, July 11, 1871.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th day of July, 1871, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair. The President having called the meeting to order, the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present, and the Chair directed that the roll be called. Accordingly, the roll was called, and the following-named gentlemen were recorded as being absent, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Ames, Baldwin, Bigelow, Blenkinsop, Brown, Clark, Conboye, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Fallon, Fennelly, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Fraser, Frost, Garceau, Haskins, Hobbs, Holbrook, Huse, Ingalls, Lewis, McDonough, McKendry, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Nichols, Packard, Pelletier, Rankin, Reed, Richardson, Sanford, Shackford, Streeter, Swan, Toland, Tucker, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Thereupon it appeared that but forty-nine gentlemen were present, and, consequently, no quorum. Mr. Toland appeared and took his seat, and, a quorum being present, the Board proceeded to business.

No quorum. Roll called.

The following-named gentlemen afterwards appeared and were present at the meeting, to wit: Messrs. Emery, Frost, Hobbs, McDonough, Packard, Rankin, Streeter, Waldock, and Wilson.

Mary F. Thompson was confirmed as master's assistant in the Dwight School.

Teacher confirmed.

Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted reports on matters referred to that Committee.

Reports of Com. on Rules and Regula'ns.

Bigelow School: Additional Sub-master.

1. Upon the order (June 13th) to authorize the Committee on the Bigelow School District to employ a sub-master to take charge of the school-house in Washington Village.

The Committee recommended the passage of the order, on the ground that, by the arrangements contemplated by the Committee of the District, pupils will be much better accommodated than they now are. The report was accepted. The question was taken upon the order, and the order passed.

Regulations amended.

2. Upon the order (June 27) proposing that Section 4, Chapter XI., be amended by substituting February for March. The Committee reported that by changing the time of promoting the scholars from the Primary Schools as the order proposes, the two portions of the year will be equalized, and the holidays and vacations during the working months will be about equally divided. They therefore recommended the adoption of the order (page 69 of the Minutes). The question was taken upon the order, and it passed.

Sessions of Girls' High and Normal School.

Dr. Hall called from the table the order (May 9th) proposing to amend Section 5 of Chap. XV., so that the sessions of the Girls' High and Normal School shall begin at nine o'clock and close at two o'clock, except on Saturday, when there shall be no session. The question was taken upon the order, and the order was adopted.

Dr. Lothrop moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was adopted, and the motion passed. The order was then, on motion of Mr. Learnard, laid upon the table.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. L. Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon matters which had been referred to that Committee.

1. Upon the nomination of Mr. Walter Smith, made by the Committee on Drawing, June 13th, as Normal Instructor in Drawing. The Committee submitted the following order: — Drawing: Salary of Normal Instructor.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr. Walter Smith, as Normal Instructor in Drawing, be paid from the first of June, 1871. The report was accepted, and the order passed.

2. Upon the order (June 27) to provide that the salary of the principal of the Dudley School be $2,000. The Committee reported: The principal of the Dudley School has heretofore received a salary equal to that of an usher, which salary is to be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, and they recommend, therefore, the passage of the order (page 68 of the Minutes). The question being taken upon the order, the order passed. Dudley School: Salary of Principal.

3. Upon the order (June 13th) that the salary of Mr. N. F. Dracopoli from and after the first of September next be $1,500. The Committee recommended that the salary of Mr. Dracopoli be *thirteen hundred dollars*. The order referred to the Committee was amended in accordance with their report. The question was then taken upon the order as amended, and it was adopted. Eng. High School: Salary of teacher of French.

4. Upon the order directing the Committee to consider and report as to the minimum salary of masters in the Latin School. The Committee submitted the following order: — Latin School: Salary of Masters.

Ordered, That the minimum salary of masters in the Latin School shall be same as the minimum salary of the masters in the Grammar Schools. Passed.

On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, the order reported by the Committee on Salaries June 27th, to wit: that the salary of Julius Eichberg be fixed at $3,300, and that of Messrs. Sharland and Holt at $3,000 each, for the ensuing year, was taken from the table, and was adopted. Salaries of teachers of Music.

Adjournment.

On motion of Dr. Ordway it was voted that when the Board adjourn it adjourn to the second Tuesday in September, at half past seven in the evening.

Petition: Views of the Arctic regions.

The chair read a petition, signed by J. W. Black, and J. W. Porter, asking the Board to take such action as will enable them to exhibit to the teachers and pupils of the High and Grammar Schools their Views of the Arctic regions, collected by Bradford, in his last voyage with Dr. Hayes, in 1869. On motion of Mr. Jellison the subject of the petition was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Resignation of J. J. Lewis.

The chair read the resignation of J. J. Lewis, of Ward 12, as a member of this Board, and the resignation was accepted. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Underwood,

Convention proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention on Tuesday, the 12th day of September next, for the purpose of filling said vacancy, and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

Committee to nominate a candidate.

The Chair appointed the following Committee to nominate to the Board a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Lewis, to wit: Messrs. Underwood, Packard, Adams, of Ward 12, Toland, and Shattuck.

Dr. Upham offered the following order: —

Exhibitions of musical proficiency.

Ordered, That no exhibition of musical proficiency, either on the part of the entire schools, or of any district or school, other than the regular musical lessons, shall be given without an express vote of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Munroe the order was amended by striking out the words in the last line, — "an express vote of the Board," — and inserting in place thereof as follows: "the consent of the local committee of such district or school."

The order as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up one of the rooms in the Mason Street School-house with sinks, &c., as a Chemical Laboratory, for the use and benefit of the English High School, at an expense not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. Eng. High School: Chemical laboratory.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Wood, that the Committee on Drawing have leave to make their annual report in print. Committee on Drawing to report in print.

On motion of Dr. Lamson,

Ordered, That, hereafter, no non-resident pupil be received in any public school of this city, except under an agreement, made with the parent or guardian of such pupil, to pay the average cost of tuition in the school the pupil may be permitted to enter; unless excused by vote of the Board. Non-resident pupils to pay.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,

Ordered, That Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the school year beginning in September next, to perform such service and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping as he may be called upon to perform by the Superintendent, or the Chairman of any of our District Committees, his salary to be the same as for the past year. James Robinson appointed.

On motion of Mr. Brigham,

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses, in consultation with the Committee on the Latin School, be requested to select a suitable lot upon which to erect a school-house for the Latin School, and request its purchase by the City Council. Latin School: lot for new school-house.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on Salaries: —

Ordered, That Charles J. Capen, master in the Latin School, receive the maximum salary of master from the date of his election, — November 21, 1870, — on account Latin School: Salary of C. J. Capen.

of his long and valuable services as teacher in the school.

Amendments proposed.

Dr. Waldock offered the following orders, both of which were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations:

Selling of text-books by teachers.

1. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by the addition of the following regulation: No teacher shall sell to any pupil any text-book other than a writing or drawing book.

Certificates of ability to teach music and drawing.

2. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations of the Board be amended to the effect that hereafter no teacher shall be confirmed for appointment to any school without a certificate from the Committees on Music and Drawing of ability to teach those branches.

Text-books.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the Board took from the table the orders submitted by the Committee on Text books, June 13th (page 57 of the Minutes). Orders No. 1, 2, 3, and 7 were adopted. Orders 4, 5 and 6 were, upon motion of Mr. Bowdlear, laid upon the table.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following orders, both of which were adopted: —

The Franklin Reader.

Ordered, That the new Reader in Hillard's Series, called the Franklin Reader, being in fact a new edition of the Fifth Reader in the course, and intended to take its place, be introduced as the new classes come to the Fifth Reader in course.

Hooker's Child's Book of Nature.

Ordered, That Hooker's Child's Book of Nature be permitted as a reading or lesson book in any school where the master and the District Committee may desire and determine to introduce it, and that the master and the Committee of the schools in which it is introduced report to the text-book Committee on the use and value of the book, and the expediency of continuing it.

On motion of Dr. Ordway the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 12, 1871.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair.

Absent, Messrs. Ames, Baldwin, Blenkinsop, Burroughs, Clark, Conboye, Curtis, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Fallon, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Ingalls, Jarvis, Maguire, H. G. Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Sayward, Shackford, Shurtleff, Tucker, Waterston, Willard, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

This evening, at half-past seven o'clock, being the time agreed upon for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of J. J. Lewis, of Ward Twelve, a communication was received from the City Clerk, and read by the Chair, to the effect that no member of the Board of Aldermen was present in the City Hall, and that, therefore, no convention with the School Committee, as proposed, could be held. Convention: Communication from the City Clerk.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bigelow School. — Leander Waterman, sub-master.

Lewis School. — Alexander F. King, sub-master; Susan A. Dutton, an assistant. Teachers confirmed, etc.

Franklin School District. — Isadora Page, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Bigelow School. — Alonzo Meserve, usher, commencing September 4.

Chapman School District. — Judith P. Meader, a Primary teacher, commencing September 4.

Hancock School District. — Harriet M. Fraser and Elizabeth M. Fiske, Primary teachers.

Lincoln School District. — Elvira Page, an assistant, commencing September 4.

Mary E. Powell and Annie J. Stoddard, Primary teachers, commencing September 4.

Dorchester School District. — Angelina A. Brigham, a Primary teacher, commencing September 4.

Resignations of Messrs. Burroughs, Blenkinsop, and Shackford.

The Chair read the resignation, as members of this Board, of Henry Burroughs, of Ward Six, William A. Blenkinsop, of Ward Seven, and Charles C. Shackford, of Ward Eleven. Accepted.

Convention proposed.

Thereupon Mr. Learnard offered the following: —

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this Board, caused by the resignations of Henry Burroughs, of Ward Six, William A. Blenkinsop, of Ward Seven, Charles C. Shackford, of Ward Eleven, and J. J. Lewis, of Ward Twelve, —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention, on Tuesday, the tenth day of October next, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancies; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

Evening Schools: Resignation of Dr. Allen.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr. Allen upon the Committee on Evening Schools, and the resignation was accepted.

Corporal Punishment.

Dr. Hall read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order (April 11) proposing to amend Chapter ix., Sect. 13, so as to provide that cor-

poral punishment shall not be inflicted on a pupil in a Grammar or Primary school, without the consent and approval of the master, etc. Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

The Committee report that the change proposed would remove the present distinction between the boys and the girls in the public schools as regards the infliction of corporal punishment; that there does not seem to be any demand on the part of either parents or teachers for the change. The change would impose an additional task upon the time of the masters, and detract from the independent action of the other teachers. There is a growing sentiment that it is very seldom necessary to inflict corporal punishment. If teachers resort to it unnecessarily, they should be deemed not qualified for the discharge of their duties. For these reasons the Committee reported that the order should not pass. The report was accepted.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom the subjects had been referred, reported, recommending the adoption of the following orders: — Report of Com. on Salaries: Salary of L. W. Mason.

1. *Ordered*, That the salary of Luther W. Mason, director and teacher of music in the Primary Schools, be, for the present school year, three thousand dollars.

2. *Ordered*, That Mr. Charles J. Capen receive the maximum salary of master in the Latin School, from the date of his election, — Nov. 21st, 1870, — on account of his long and valuable services as a teacher in that school. Both of which were adopted. Salary of C. J. Capen in Latin School.

Dr. Upham offered the following order: —

Ordered, That for the current school year Mr. Hiram Wilde, heretofore a musical instructor in the schools of the Dorchester District, be retained as an assistant teacher of music, to give his services where they may be required, under the direction of the Committee on Music, at a salary of two thousand dollars. Hiram Wilde appointed teacher of Music.

Mr. Loring Lothrop moved a suspension of the Rules for present action, which passed. The question was then taken upon the order, and the order passed.

Mr. Slade offered the following order: —

Military Drill.

Ordered, That a new section be added to Chapter xiii. of the Rules and Regulations, as follows: Instruction in Military Drill shall be given under the general supervision of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, who are authorized to provide a suitable place and arms for drilling, and to appoint a drill-master. The time occupied in drill shall not exceed two hours each week.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Evening School of Mech'l and Ind. Drawing.

In accordance with the annual report of the Committee on Drawing, which the Board ordered to be printed, Mr. Brigham offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make provision for the Free Evening School of Mechanical and Industrial Drawing, in accordance with the requirements of the statute.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports of the several High School and District Committees were presented and accepted. In connection with the quarterly report of the Committee on the English High School, Dr. Lothrop submitted the following order: —

Eng. High School: Chemicals, etc., for laboratory.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish chemicals and chemical apparatus for the use of the English High School, in the laboratory of the school-house in Mason street. The order passed.

Girls' High and Normal School: Miss Caryl's salary.

In connection with the quarterly report of the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, Mr. Cudworth offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salary of Miss Harriet E. Caryl, head-assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School, be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Cases for specimens of Natural History.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable cases in the corridors of the Girls' High and Normal school-house, under the direction of Prof. Agassiz, of Harvard University, for the reception of such specimens of Natural History as he shall donate to the city for use in this place. The order passed. Also, the following preamble and resolutions, which the Board adopted: —

Resolutions on resignation of Henry Burroughs.

Whereas, From a close and devoted attention to his official duties, which has seriously, though temporarily, impaired his health, our chairman, Rev. Henry Burroughs, feels it to be of imperative importance to resign his official position and retire from the School Board, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept the resignation of Rev. Henry Burroughs as Chairman of the Girls' High and Normal School Committee, with feelings of deep sorrow and regret at the severance of the ties which have for so many years existed between us, and which have always been of the pleasantest nature.

Resolved, That not only the members of this Committee, and the teachers and pupils of the Girls' High and Normal School, but the School Board will sustain a great loss by the retirement of our chairman.

Resolved, That we wish hereby not only to express our entire confidence in, and full appreciation of, the faithful and thorough manner in which our chairman has discharged the duties of his office, but also of the uniform courtesy with which he has treated all those by whom he has been surrounded. The resolutions were adopted.

Dor. High School: Military Drill.

On motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, amended by Dr. Shattuck: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill consider the expediency of introducing military drill in the Dorchester High School.

New Primary school-house named the Skinner School.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, That the Primary school-house on Fayette street be, and hereby is, named the "Skinner School," in memory of Otis A. Skinner, who was for several years the chairman of the Brimmer School District Committee.

Annual Report: Com. to prepare.

The Chair appointed the following Committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee, viz.: Messrs. Underwood, Adams, of Ward 16, Dillaway, Monroe, Mason, Toland, and Ingalls.

Committees to nominate for filling vacancies.

The Chair appointed the following Committees to nominate candidates for filling the several vacancies in the Board, to wit: On the vacancy in Ward 12, Messrs. Underwood, Packard, W. P. Adams, Toland, and Shattuck. On the vacancy in Ward 11, Messrs. Learnard, Waterston, Nichols, Bowdlear, and Flint. On the vacancy in Ward 7, Messrs. Wilson, Fennelly, Toland, Fogg, and Bachelder. On the vacancy in Ward 6, Messrs. S. K. Lothrop, Upham, Curtis, Flint, and Lamson.

Suspension of sessions of the schools.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Ricker, That the sessions of the Public Schools be suspended on the afternoon of Monday, September 18th, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

Rules and Regulat'ns to be revised and printed.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Hall, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be empowered to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and print twenty-five hundred copies of the same, — the present edition being exhausted.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, amended by Mr. Noble: —

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of one member from each ward, be appointed to consider and report to this Board what changes, if any, should be made in the constitution and powers of the Board. Changes in Constitut'n and Powers of the Board: Com. on.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Washburn, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to consider the applications of non-resident pupils to be relieved from the payment of the cost of tuition in the High schools of this city, and report to this Board. Tuition of Non-resident pupils in High schools

Dr. Waldock offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be directed to ascertain the views of parents or guardians of the pupils of the school, with reference to relinquishing the Saturday session, by means of the questions used in a similar case by the Committee on the Latin School. Girls' High and Normal School: Saturday sessions.

On motion of Dr. Shattuck, the order was laid on the table.

Dr. Shattuck offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the charge for tuition of the daughter of Nathan Drake, in the Winthrop School District, from January 1st to Sept. 1st, 1871, be remitted. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Winthrop School District: Tuition of a pupil.

Dr. Shattuck submitted a communication, signed Robert S. Walker, asking the attention of the Board to a sample of Barnett's Gymnasium and Chest Expander. The subject was referred to the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill. Barnett's Gymnasium and Chest Expander.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Roxbury High School be authorized to employ a teacher of the German. Roxbury High School: Teacher of German.

language in said school. Voted to refer the order to the Committee on the Roxbury High School.

On motion of Mr. Monroe the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 10, 1871.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of October, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the President in the chair.

Absent. Absent, Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Ames, Bachelder, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Edson, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Huse, Ingalls, S. K. Lothrop, Maguire, Monroe, Rankin, Reynolds, Richardson, Sayward, Upham, Willard, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

Convention. The Chair read the concurrence of the Mayor and Aldermen in the proposition for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancies existing in this Board. The several Committees appointed to nominate candidates for filling the vacancies reported as follows: In place of Henry Burroughs, of Ward 6, Charles C. Perkins; in place of William A. Blenkinsop, of Ward 7, James M. Grady; in place of Charles C. Shackford, of Ward 11, Samuel B. Cruft; in place of J. J. Lewis, of Ward 12, George W. Bail.

The Chair appointed Alderman Jenkins and Messrs. Hobbs and Rust, a Committee to collect the ballots for a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Henry Burroughs; who attended to that duty and reported the whole number of ballots to be 60; that Andrew Bigelow had 2, and Charles C. Perkins had 58. Accordingly Mr. Perkins was declared elected.

Charles C. Perkins elected.

The Chair appointed Alderman Cutter and Messrs. Johnson and McDonough a Committee to collect the ballots for a person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. A. Blenkinsop. The Committee proceeded, and afterwards reported that the whole number of ballots was 65; necessary for a choice, 33; that Robert Morris had 1 vote, James M. Grady had 13, and Alvan Simonds had 51. Thereupon Mr. Simonds was declared elected.

Alvan Simonds elected.

The Chair appointed Alderman Ricker, and Messrs. Hutchins and Deblois a Committee to collect the ballots for a person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles C. Shackford, who reported that the whole number of ballots was 60; that Samuel B. Cruft had 56, and there were 4 scattering. Mr. Cruft was declared elected.

Samuel B. Cruft elected.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Shurtleff, Fogg and Emery a Committee to collect the ballots for a person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. J. Lewis. The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them reported that the whole number of ballots was 56; necessary for a choice, 34; that Josiah Dunham had 2, George W. Bail 16, Choate Burnham 48. Whereupon Mr. Burnham was declared elected.

Choate Burnham elected.

The business of the convention having been accomplished the Board of Aldermen retired.

The Chair read a communication to the Board from the Committee appointed by the City Council to make arrangements for the reception of the President of the United States and other distinguished visitors, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the new Post Office building in this city; requesting that a holiday be given the schools on the 16th inst., and that the teachers of the High and Grammar Schools be requested to assemble their pupils on the Common, for the purpose of viewing

the procession and paying their respects to the President. The Chair also read the following orders submitted by Mr. Ricker: —

1. *Ordered*, That all sessions of the public schools be suspended, in honor of the visit of the President of the United States, on Monday, Oct. 16, 1871. Schools suspended.

2. *Ordered*, That the teachers of the High and Grammar Schools be requested to assemble their pupils upon the Common, at such times and places as the Chief Marshal shall designate, for the purpose of aiding in the reception of the Chief Magistrate of the United States.

The first of the orders was adopted; the second order was, on motion of Mr. Jellison, laid upon the table.

Teachers confirmed, etc.

The following teachers were confirmed: —

Lawrence School. — Emma P. Hall, head-assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Norcross School. — Mary J. Fennelly, master's head-assistant, and Fiducia S. Wells, head-assistant, both commencing with the school year.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

English High School. — L. H. Buckingham, L. Z. Collins, and Joseph W. Keene, sub-masters.

Girls' High and Normal School. — As assistants, Augusta C. Kimball, commencing Sept. 11; Ellen O. Swain, commencing Oct. 4th; Mary E. Holbrook, commencing Oct. 9th; and Charlotte E. Wheeler, commencing Oct. 12th.

Roxbury High School. — Edna F. Calder, an assistant, commencing Oct. 4th.

Dorchester High School. — Ellen G. Fisher, an assistant, commencing Oct. 16th.

Comins School District — Ellen H. Holt, a Primary teacher.

Dearborn School. — Clara T. Fisher, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Dwight School. — Thomas J. Emery, usher, commencing Sept. 25th.

Everett School District. — Alice E. Shedd, a Primary teacher, commencing with the school-year.

Franklin School. — Isabella M. Harmon, head assistant, commencing Sept. 4th.

Hancock School District. — Susan E. Allen and Clara E. Bell.

Lawrence School District. — Mary E. H. Ottiwell, an assistant, commencing Sept. 19th; Abby C. Burge an assistant, commencing Sept. 26th; Willietta Bicknell, commencing Sept. 4th, and Ann E. McGrath, commencing Sept. 14th, Primary teachers.

Prescott School District. — Bernice A. De Merritt, head-assistant, commencing with the school-year; Elizabeth W. Hazel, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 4th.

Wells School. — Mary W. Perry and Mary A. C. Williams, assistants, commencing Sept. 4th.

Dorchester School District.—Helen M. Hills, commencing Sept. 4th, and Abby L. W. Everett, commencing Oct. 11th, assistants in the Dorchester-Everett School; and Annie W. Ford, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 2d.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Catharine A. Dwyer, an assistant in the Lawrence School, to the Shurtleff School.

Resignation of a teacher.

The Board accepted the resignation of Mary E. Holbrook as a teacher in the Sherwin School, taking effect Oct. 9th.

Evening Schools,

Mr. Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following teachers for those schools: —

High Evening School. — Luther W. Anderson, princi-

pal; Charles B. Travis, William Nichols, jr., R. P. Owen, W. H. Moriarty, L. Hall Grandgent, Carl Jansen, assistants.

Anderson Street. — Miss C. A. Caverly, principal; Mary Beal, Martha Beal, Annie Knowlton, G. H. Smith, L. F. Pitcher, E. M. Fisher, C. G. Fisher, Lottie Lobdell, Shawnie Fernald, Mrs. J. G. Moulton, assistants.

Warrenton Street. —William G. Babcock, principal; John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Mrs. Clarissa Babcock, Mrs. Caroline Guigon, Mary E. Babcock, Mary F. Steel, James Drake, assistants.

North Bennet Street. — Everett Boynton, principal; Charles W. Ryan, George W. Close, Josephine O. Heddrick, Mary E. F. McNeil, Almira Bixby, Ellen Fitzgerald, assistants.

Cabot Street. — Benjamin Merriam, principal; Delia Mansfield, Sarah E. Leavitt, Harriet E. Culligan, Maria A. Merriam, Susan M. Sawyer, Climena B. Moor, Emma Berry, Emma E. Peterson, Ann Murphy, Mary E. Prince, Ella Aldrich, assistants.

Franklin School-house. — N. M. Knowlton, principal; Ella B. Veazie, Rebecca B. Claggett, Elizabeth H. Soule, Ella T. Mahone, B. A. Hinckley, Annie E. Walcott, Elizabeth Phelps, Abby H. Griffiths, assistants.

Chambers Street Chapel. — Loring Lothrop, principal; Lydia T. Preble, Sarah P. Rowe, Ella E. Morrill, Harriet E. White, Henrietta A. Hill, Frances N. Wilson, Frank Rollins, H. Richards, assistants.

Harrison Avenue. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal; Guy A. T. Lincoln, Francis, V. Keyes, Abby S. Holt, Emma V. Swain, Louisa Ayer, Anna M. Bailey, Mary E. McCarthy, M. Fanny Rugg, Mary Walton, Lydia A. Lewis, Amelia E. N. Treadwell, Isadore W. Snelling, assistants.

South Boston. — John Coombs, principal; Mary A. Clark, Mary E. Sawin, Clara F. Mulloy, Emma F. Bradeen, Nancy M. Morse, M. E. Sandford, O.D. Flood, Angie S. Morse, Miss Chase, assistants.

Girls' High and Normal School: Saturday sessions.

On motion of Mr. Cudworth, the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, made May 9th, upon the order providing for dispensing with the sessions of the Girls' High and Normal School on Saturday; and, the question being upon the following order, to wit: *Ordered*, That Section 5, Chapter xv., be amended, so that it shall read, "The sessions of the schools shall begin at nine o'clock, A. M., and close at 2 o'clock, P. M., except on Saturday, when there shall be no session," Mr. Sanford moved and it was voted to take the question by yeas and nays; and the question being so taken, the following gentlemen voted yea, viz.: —

Regulations amended.

Yeas and Nays.

Messrs. Adams of Ward 16, Badger, Bigelow, Bowdlear, Brown, Cudworth, Dillaway, Fallon, Fogg, Fraser, Frost, Hall, Hunt, Hutchins, Jarvis, Kneeland, Mason, McKendry, H. G. Morse, Ordway, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Rust, Sanford, Slade, Stedman, Swan, Thornton, Toland, Washburn, Whelton, and Wilson; and the following gentlemen voted nay, viz.: — Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, Brigham, Curtis, Deblois, Emery, Fennelly, Green, Holbrook, Jellison, Johnson, Learnard, L. Lothrop, McDonough, Moody Merrill, Wm. B. Merrill, James Morse, Noble, Pelletier, Porter of Ward 1, Reed, Ricker, Streeter, Tucker, Underwood, Waldock, and Woodbury. Thirty-two gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-seven gentlemen voted nay. The order was accordingly adopted.

The Chair made the following appointments upon Committees, viz.: Dr. Waldock upon the Committee on Evening Schools, and Mr. Hunt upon the Committee to prepare the annual Report. Evening Schools. Annual Report.

Dr. Ordway offered the following: — Resolutions on death of Dexter S. King.

Whereas, The members of this Board have heard, with deep regret, of the death of the Rev. Dexter S. King, a former member of the Board, therefore, —

Resolved, That his long and faithful services in the cause of education will not be forgotten by ourselves, or by the public, whose willing servant he was.

Resolved, That we particularly recognize the valuable service which he rendered toward the establishment of the School for Deaf Mutes, which has already proved a success beyond our most sanguine expectations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased, as expressive of our sympathy for her in her sad bereavement, and that they be entered upon the records of the Board. The resolutions were adopted.

Dr. Hall submitted and read reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon matters which had been referred to them, as follows: — Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

1. Upon the order (June 13th) proposing that the Rules of the Board be so amended as to require at least fifty votes for the choice of a Superintendent of Schools, and all other elective officers. The Committee were unanimous in their opinion that the order ought not to pass. The report was accepted. Superintendent's election, etc.

2. Upon a petition relative to exhibiting to the teachers of the High and Grammar Schools views of the Arctic regions. The Committee report that as an appropriation would be required if the petition were granted, the subject might be properly referred to the Committee on Accounts. The report was accepted. Arctic views.

Annual election of teachers: explanation or objection.

3. Upon the order (June 27th) proposing that at the annual election of teachers an opportunity be given for any member to make explanation or objection, etc.; that there is nothing in the rules to prevent the fullest discussion of the qualifications of candidates; that the candidates can be balloted for separately if the Board direct; and that the Committee do not deem farther legislation necessary. The report was accepted.

Examin'tion for admission to the High Schools.

4. Upon the order (February 21st) to provide that candidates for admission to the High Schools shall be examined upon all the branches required to be taught in the first class in the Grammar Schools. The Committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Regulations amended.

Ordered, That Sec. 6, Chap. viii. of the Rules and Regulations be amended by inserting the following words after the second period in the section: "and shall also report the names of all Grammar Schools in which the programme of studies is not carried out."

On motion of Mr. Underwood, the report was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Military Drill.

5. Upon the order (September 12th) relating to military drill in the Latin School. The Committee recommend that Sec. 12, of Chap. xiv. be transferred to Chap. ix., and inserted between sections 21 and 22; and be amended by adding, at the end of the first line of the section, the words "in the High Schools to all boys of good physical condition;" causing the new section to read as follows: —

Regulations amended.

Instruction in Military Drill shall be given in the High Schools to all boys of good physical condition, under the general supervision of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, who are authorized to provide a suitable place and arms for drilling, and to

appoint a drill-master. The time occupied in drill shall not exceed two hours each week.

The Committee offered the following order, which passed: —

Ordered, That Section 12 of Chap. xiv. be transferred to page 33 of the Rules and Regulations, as amended by the Committee.

The order passed.

Duties of certain Standing Committees.

6. Upon the order (June 13th) proposing so to amend the Rules as to define the duties of the standing committees on certain branches of study. In connection with their report, the Committee offer the following orders: —

Regulations amended.

1. *Ordered*, That Section 11, Chapter iv., of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by inserting the following words, after the word "branch" in the sixth line: "They shall examine the pupils in Drawing." The section will then read: —

Sect. 11. The Committee on Drawing shall exercise a general supervision in all the school, over that branch of instruction; they shall appoint and nominate to the Board for confirmation instructors in this department; shall recommend to the Committee on Text-Books any books, models, or charts, for use in this branch; they shall examine the pupils in Drawing, and report to the Board in writing in March and September. Passed.

2. *Ordered*, That no exhibition of proficiency in Drawing, Vocal and Physical Culture, Military Drill, or other special study, shall be given on the part of the entire schools, or of any district or school, other than the regular lessons, without the consent of the local committee of such district or school. Passed.

Dr. Johnson, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the English High School be per-

Text-books for English High and Latin Schools.

mitted to use as text-books, Eliot & Storer's Chemistry; and, in German, Ahn's Method, Comfort's German Reader, Kockler's Dictionary, German New Testament. Passed.

2. *Ordered*, That the Latin School be permitted to use as text-books, Goodwin's Elementary Greek Course. Passed.

Report of Com. on Accounts.

Mr. W. B. Merrill read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon applications of non-resident pupils to be relieved from the payment of tuition in the High Schools, — the subject having been referred to them Sept. 11th. The Committee reported that they had given a public hearing, and had considered carefully the case of each applicant, and they recommended the free admission to the schools of the persons named in the following order: —

Tuition of non-resid'nt pupils.

Ordered, That E. A. Buss, E. W. Hunt, F. E. Russ, F. A. Wier, George N. Carter, of the first class, C. W. Barron, of the second class, and George J. Roskell, of the middle class, in the English High School; and S. T. Fisher, of the first class, A. Sherman, of the middle class, and R. S. Wade, of the fifth class, of the Latin School, be permitted to attend those schools free of charge. The order was adopted.

Drawing: Salary of Mr. Furneaux.

Mr. Brigham offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage at this time: —

Ordered, That the salary of Charles Furneaux, teacher of Drawing, be fixed for the present school-year at twenty-five hundred dollars. The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Girls' High and Normal School.

Mr. Waterston offered the following: —

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the members of this Board that pupils belonging to two or more Grammar Schools have been received without the regular

certificate of dismission, as members of a Grammar class, now being established in the Girls' High and Normal School, in defiance of any provision in the rules and regulations, and in direct opposition to the action of the sub-committee of that school, therefore, —

Grammar School class to be discharged.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be instructed forthwith to discharge the class now receiving instruction in Grammar School studies, and return the pupils connected with it at once to their respective schools.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Stedman, and under a suspension of the rules,

Quincy School-house: land to be purchased.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase the estate on Tyler street, next south of the Quincy School-house, and adjoining the lot on which said school-house stands.

Dr. Hall offered the following: —

Massachusetts Teachers' Association.

Ordered, That the sessions of the public schools be omitted on Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st inst., to allow the teachers to attend the meeting of the Massachusetts State Teachers' Association, to be held in this city on those days.

Upon taking the question upon the order, it was found that there was no quorum present, and the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 14, 1871.

A monthly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President in the chair.

Absent. Absent, Messrs. Allen, Ames, Bigelow, Brown, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Fallon, Fennelly, Foye, Garceau, Haskins, Huse, Ingalls, Lamson, Merrill, of Ward 11, Nichols, Perkins, Reynolds, Sanford, Simonds, Thornton, Toland, Upham, Willard, Woods, and the President of the Common Council.

Vacancies in committees filled. The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in committees, viz., Mr. Cruft upon the committee on the High School Education of Boys, on the Latin School, the Dwight and Everett School districts and Industrial Schools; Mr. Hunt, upon the committee on the Winthrop School district; Mr. Perkins, upon the committee on the Girls' High and Normal School and the Brimmer and Hancock School districts; Mr. Johnson, upon the Committee on Text-Books; Mr. Simonds, upon the Committee on the Latin School, and the Bigelow, Lawrence, Norcross and Shurtleff School districts; Mr. Burnham, upon the committee on the Bigelow, Lawrence, Lincoln and Norcross School districts.

Teachers confirmed, etc. The following teachers were confirmed: —

Bigelow School. — Abba E. Boutelle.

Dudley School. — Mary S. Sprague, an assistant.

Washington School. — Mary V. Woodman, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as being upon probation: —

Girls' High and Normal School. — Annie L. Stoddard, in the Primary department, by transfer from the Lincoln School district, with the consent of the committee upon that district.

Roxbury High School. — J. Frederick Stein, teacher of German, commencing Nov. 15th.

Comins School District. — Annie L. Hudson, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 25th.

Lewis School District. — Joanna Monroe, commencing Oct. 16th, and Caroline Eliot, commencing Oct. 25th, both Primary teachers.

Rice School District. — Ella F. Wyman, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 2d.

Sherwin School District. — Alice T. Kelly, an assistant, commencing Oct. 9th, and Annie H. Berry, a Primary teacher, to commence Dec. 4th.

Shurtleff School District. — Grace E. Gregg, and Mary A. Jenkins, Primary teachers.

Dorchester District. — Jane Annie Bense, an assistant in the Harris School, commencing Oct. 28th; and Sarah E. Austin, an assistant in the Mather School, commencing Nov. 2d.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Sydney Brooks, in the High School; Emma M. Waldock, Cabot street; Nellie O'Connor, Harrison avenue.

Free Evening Drawing Schools.

Free Evening Drawing Schools. — Walter Smith, principal, C. S. Ward, C. Willis Damon, William Foster, J. L. Frisbe, and Phineas Bates, Jr., assistants, at the Institute of Technology; Charles Furneaux, principal, Frank B. Morse, and C. F. Stone, assistants, Appleton street; Bradford H. Locke, an assistant, Mason street.

The following resignations were presented: —

Lewis School District. — Emma A. Bell, a Primary teacher.

Quincy School District. — Jane B. Furber, an assistant, to take effect Nov. 10th; and Catharine R. Greenwood, a Primary teacher, taking effect Oct. 1st.

Sherwin School District. — Ellen M. Calkins, a Primary teacher, to take effect Nov. 30th.

Committee on Music. "The National Music Course for Graded Schools."

Mr. Underwood submitted the following: The Music Committee would respectfully report, — that the several teachers of Music in the public schools — following the committee's suggestion — have united to prepare a series of works for instruction and practice, covering the whole ground from the Primary to the High Schools. This series is to be entitled "The National Music Course for Graded Schools," and is to be published by a competent house in this city. Two volumes of the series are now ready, viz., for Primary Schools, and for the lower classes of the Grammar Schools, and the committee recommend that these volumes be adopted for use in the schools last named.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Reports of Committee on School-houses. Bigelow, Dearborn, Sherwin, and Dorchester School Districts.

Mr. Jellison submitted the reports of the Committee on School-houses and Grammar School sections, upon orders which had been referred to that committee: 1. That a lot of land be procured and a Primary School-house erected for the Bigelow School district. 2. That certain alterations be made upon the estate of the Dearborn School-house; — both orders offered April 11th. 3. That a Primary School-house be erected in the Sherwin School district, — offered May 9th; — upon all of which the committee reported it inexpedient to pass the orders. 4. That additional accommodations be provided for the Mather School, Dorchester district. 5. That a new

school-house be erected for the Atherton School, Dorchester district. 6. That further accommodations be provided for the Primary Schools on Heath street, Comins School district. 7. That land be purchased for the enlargement of the school-yard on Francis street, Comins School district; — all offered at the meeting of the Board, June 14th.

Comins School District.

The committee submitted for adoption the following orders :—

Dorchester District: additional accommodation.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide, at the earliest opportunity, a room in the vicinity of the Mather School-house, Dorchester district, for the accommodation of the pupils in that section who are unable to gain admittance to the present building.

New building for the Atherton School.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a school-house, to contain six rooms, the same to be located as near as practicable to the present Atherton School-house, in the Dorchester district.

Comins School district: additional accommodations.

3. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a building, containing six rooms, for the accommodation of the Primary Schools on Heath Street, Comins School district, the same to be located in the vicinity of the present Primary School-house, situated on Heath street.

4. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to provide a suitable supply of Cochituate Water with proper sinks, for the use of the pupils of the Primary Schools on Francis street.

The reports were accepted, and the several orders adopted.

Roxbury High School: teacher of German.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, from the Committee on the Roxbury High School, to whom was referred Sept. 12, the proposition to authorize said committee to employ a teacher of the German language, reported that the order

ought to pass. The question upon the order was taken and the order was adopted.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries : —

Roxbury High School: Salary of teacher of German.

1. By Mr. Merrill of Ward 14, —

Ordered, That the salary of J. Frederick Stein, teacher of the German language in the Roxbury High School, be five hundred dollars per annum.

2. By Mr. Learnard, —

Dwight School: temporary services of a teacher.

Ordered, That there be paid to Cornelius E. Wood sixty-three dollars, for extra services as a temporary teacher in the Dwight School, from September 25 to October 21, 1871.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on School-houses, — the first order with full powers : —

1. By Mr. Flint, —

Rice School district: yard accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide suitable yard accommodations for the Waitt Primary School, on Suffolk street, Rice School district.

2. By Mr. Whelton, —

Lawrence School district: New Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council cause to be erected a suitable building for Primary School purposes in the Lawrence School district.

3. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, —

Dorchester district: New Mather School-house.

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to erect a new school-house for the use of the Mather School, in the Dorchester district, on or near the present site.

The following were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations : —

1. By Mr. Cudworth, —

Girls' High and Normal School.

Ordered, That Miss Bertha W. Hintz, teacher of the Primary classes in the Girls' High and Normal School, be considered and paid as an assistant teacher in said school.

Petition; Home lessons.

2. Presented by Mr. Merrill of Ward 14, — a petition signed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Woodward, and others, asking that all the home lessons of their children be unqualifiedly discontinued.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

1. By Mr. Cudworth, —

Girls' High and Normal School: Telescope and Charts.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to furnish a telescope, astronomical charts, and other necessary apparatus, for use in the Girls' High and Normal School, at an expense not to exceed three thousand dollars.

2. By Mr. Washburn, —

Latin School: Philosophical Apparatus.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to purchase the philosophical apparatus, and the case in which it is placed, now deposited in the Latin School, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, for the use of said school.

3. By Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, —

Roxbury High School: Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish the Roxbury High School with such chemical and philosophical apparatus as are used in the Dorchester High and Girls' High and Normal Schools, upon the order of the head master of said school, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee thereon.

Upon motion of Mr. Adams, of Ward 16, —

Dorchester District. Petition: tuition of non-resident pupils.

Ordered, That the petition of E. P. Tileston, and thirty-five others, of the Dorchester district, and also the applications of all non-resident pupils, to be relieved from the payment of the cost of tuition in the Grammar and Primary Schools of said district, be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following order: —

Ordered, That Master C. F. Meserve, of North Arlington, be permitted to attend the Latin School, from the first of the ensuing December, to the end of the present school year, upon the payment of seventy-five dollars to the city treasurer. Latin School: a non resident allowed to attend.

Upon motion of Mr. Brigham : —

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be given to the Committee of Council on Education, for the valuable collection of drawings, by pupils in Great Britain, sent to the City of Boston at the request of the Committee on Drawing. Vote of thanks: Drawings by pupils in Great Britain.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, offered the following order, which the Board adopted ; — English High School: Salary of teacher of French.

Ordered, That the salary of Nicholas F. Dracopoli, teacher of French in the English High School, be at the rate of sixteen hundred dollars, from the beginning of the present school-year.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board took from the table the report of Committee on Rules and Regulations, made October 10th, upon the subject of the examination of candidates for admission to the High Schools. Report upon examination for admission to High Schools.

Dr. Lothrop then offered the following as a substitute for the orders in the report : —

Ordered, That, inasmuch as the Grammar Schools have been established to teach the common branches of an English education, it shall be the duty of masters of the Grammar Schools to require of their pupils a thorough knowledge of Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Reading, Spelling, and Penmanship ; and, after this has been secured, to give such oral instruction in the other studies of their programme as shall seem to them judicious ; and that any pupil upon the completion of these elementary studies shall be considered eligible

as a candidate for admission to the Girls' High and Normal, English High, or Latin School.

Upon motion of Mr. Learnard, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the proposed order.

Upon motion of Mr. Washburn, and under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That Messrs. Minns, Buck, White, Pierce, Dearborn, and Reid, masters in the Latin School, be allowed a salary of twenty-six hundred dollars per annum from the date of the commencement of their services, to September 1, 1871, — the same being the minimum salary of masters in the Grammar Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, and under a suspension of the rules: —

Annual Report.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Annual Report have authority to print the usual documents, and to procure engravings of the Girls' High and Normal School, and of such Grammar School buildings, completed during the school-year, as may be necessary to show the state of school architecture.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin: —

Ventilation of school-rooms. Committee appointed.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to ascertain and report the best way of ventilating all the school-rooms in Boston, without draught or current of air.

Agreeably to the above order the Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. Baldwin, Learnard, Richardson, Rust, and Lamson.

Changes in Constitution and Powers of the Board: Committee appointed.

The Chair appointed the following committee upon the order offered by Mr. Underwood, September 12, to consider and report to this Board what changes, if any, should be made in the constitution and powers of the Board; viz., Messrs. Cudworth, Ricker, Jarvis, John-

son, Ordway, S. K. Lothrop, Fennelly, Green, Brown, Flint, Waterston, Underwood, James Morse, Monroe, Hobbs, and Sayward.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Dec. 1, 1871.

By order of His Honor the Mayor, President of the School Committee, — at the request of Messrs. J. Baxter Upham, Matthias Rich, Loring Lothrop, Lyman Mason, William T. Brigham, William Woods, — a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, December 1st, 1871, at four o'clock, P. M., to act upon the request of the Committee of Arrangements of the City Council, to provide a musical entertainment in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis. The President of the Board in the chair.

Absent. Absent, Messrs. Allen, Ames, Bachelder, Badger, Baldwin, Bowdlear, Burnham, Clark, Conboye, Curtis, Edson, Emery, Fennelly, Flynn, Foye, Frost, Garceau, Haskins, Hobbs, Huse, Hutchins, Jellison, Johnson, Maguire, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, H. G. Morse, Perkins, Porter, of Ward 16, Prescott, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Sanford, Shattuck, Shurtleff, Slade, Toland, Tucker, Underwood, Waldock, Waterston, Whelton, Wilson, and Woodbury.

The Chair submitted the following: —

City Hall, Dec. 1, 1871.

Communication. Reception of the Grand Duke Alexis.

Hon. William Gaston,

President of the School Committee:

Sir, — The Joint Special Committee of the City Council, appointed to make suitable arrangements for the

reception and entertainment of His Highness the Grand Duke Alexis, and the members of his suite, beg leave to represent that it would be highly gratifying to the distinguished visitors to witness a musical exhibition by some of the pupils connected with the public schools in this city; and the committee would respectfully request the School Board to permit such pupils as may be selected, to participate in such an exhibition, to be given in the Music Hall, on Saturday afternoon, the ninth of December.

In behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES E. JENKINS, *Chairman.*

Musical entertainment by the Pupils.

Thereupon, upon motion of Mr. Washburn,—

Resolved, That this Board cordially concur with the City Council in the suggestion that a musical entertainment be given by the pupils of the public schools, in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis; and that the Committee on Music be joined to that of the City Council, with full powers to carry the same into effect.

Upon motion of Dr. Lothrop, the business for which the meeting was held having been accomplished, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 12, 1871.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Absent. Absent, Messrs. Adams, of Ward 16, Ames, Bachelder, Burnham, Clark, Conboye, Flynn, Foye, Garceau, Green, Huse, Ingalls, Johnson, Maguire, Monroe, Reynolds, Sanford, Thornton, Toland, Whelton, and the President of the Common Council.

The President of the Board called the meeting to order, and requested Mr. Learnard to take the chair. Mr. Learnard accordingly took the chair, and presided over the meeting.

Teachers confirmed, etc. The following teachers were confirmed: —

Chapman School District. — Judith P. Meader, a Primary teacher.

Dearborn School. — Clara T. Fisher, an assistant.

Hancock School District. — Elizabeth A. Fiske and Harriet M. Frazer, Primary teachers.

Wells School. — Mary W. Perry and Mary A. C. Williams, assistants.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: —

Adams School District. — Grace E. Wasgatt, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 4th.

Bigelow School. — Harriet A. Watson, an assistant, commencing Dec. 4th.

Dwight School District. — Ruth G. Rich, master's

head assistant, commencing Oct. 23d; Anna Severance, a Primary teacher, commencing Oct. 28th.

Eliot School. — Ella Wilkins, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1st, and Mary E. Hanney, an assistant, to commence Jan. 15th, 1872.

Lawrence School District. — Elizabeth S. Lakeman, a Primary teacher, commencing Dec. 13th.

Lincoln School District. — Georgia E. Cummings and Susan Hutchinson, Primary teachers, commencing Dec. 4th.

Norcross School. — Mary G. Lanning, an assistant, commencing Sept. 9th.

Shurtleff School District. — Julia F. Baker, a Primary teacher.

Washington School. — Louisa W. Emmons, an assistant, commencing Sept. 4th.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Almena A. Hall, Charlotte P. Plummer, Georgia A. Brown, in Ward 10; Kate Sennott, Ellen Masks, in North Bennet street; W. L. Phillips, principal, at 48 Richmond street; Charles A. Ring, principal, William Graden, E. M. Bigelow, L. T. Gregg, F. P. Morey, M. A. Oburg, H. F. Parker, A. D. Prescott, M. L. Beckler, E. Pillsbury, L. E. David, in East Boston; Miss Floyd, in South Boston.

Resignations of teachers.

The resignations were presented and accepted by the Board, of Jane P. Titcomb, a Primary teacher in the Dwight School district; Lydia K. Potter, an assistant in the Eliot School, to take effect Jan. 15th, 1872; and Mary H. True, an assistant in the school for Deaf Mutes, to take effect Jan. 1, 1872.

Quarterly Reports.

The quarterly reports were presented, and, on motion of Mr. Ricker, read by their titles, except the reports on the Boylston and Lewis School districts. Upon motion of Mr. Rust, it was voted that the committees not

reporting present their reports at the next meeting of the Board. The reports presented were accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Hunt, it was voted that, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday, the 2d day of January, 1872. Adjournment.

Dr. Lothrop offered the three following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Music be requested to make arrangements for more instruction in Music at the English High School, to be given by some one of the regular music teachers in the employ of the city. English High School: instruction in Music and Drawing.

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Drawing be requested to make arrangements for more instruction in Drawing at the English High School, especially for the advanced or fourth class in that school. Tuition of a pupil.

3. *Ordered*, That the case of David P. Lincoln, a non-resident pupil asking a remission of tuition fees, be referred to the Committee on Accounts for reconsideration.

The first of the orders was referred to the Committee on Music, the second to the Committee on Drawing, and the third order was adopted.

Dr. Lamson offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make alterations in the partitions of the Bowdoin School-house, so as to afford the requisite blackboard accommodations, and also to render the upper story available as an exhibition hall.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Stedman offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sect. 5, Chap. IX., of the Rules and Regulations, be so amended as to make it more definite whose duty it shall be to open the schools with the pre- Opening exercises of the schools.

scribed exercise. Referred, on motion of Dr. Ordway, to the Quincy School District Committee.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations: certificates of ability to teach music and drawing.

Dr. Hall submitted the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order referred to that committee in July (page 76), to provide that teachers, hereafter, before they shall be confirmed, shall be furnished with a certificate from the committees on Music and Drawing, of ability to teach those branches.

The committee say that the subject of the qualifications of teachers is one of vital importance to our schools; and the Board has been urged in former reports to adopt some plan for the more thorough examination of teachers in all the branches taught in the schools. But the adoption of the proposed order would bring only partial remedy, and it would not be wise to confer upon the committees named the powers indicated in the order. The committee, therefore, report that the order ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations: duties of Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the two following orders: —

1. *Ordered*, That Sect. 3, Chap. IV., be amended so that it shall read, commencing in the seventh line from the end of the section: They shall have authority to employ a clerk, styled Auditing Clerk, and such other assistants as may be necessary, who shall perform such duties as the committee and the regulations of the Board may require; and shall fix their salaries, etc.

Amendment of Rules and Regulations proposed.

2. *Ordered*, That Sect. 14, Chap. XII., be amended by striking out the following words: "except that each district committee may omit or limit such studies as in their judgment is best; but all such discretionary action shall be stated in their quarterly reports."

The first of the orders passed; the second was, on

motion of Mr. Means, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Girls' High and Normal School: Miss Hintz.

Dr. Hall, from the same committee, to whom was referred the order — Nov. 14th — that Miss Hintz, teacher of the Primary classes in the Girls' High and Normal School, be considered and paid as an *assistant* in said school, reported, recommending that the order be taken from said committee and referred to the Committee on Salaries. Upon motion of Mr. L. Lothrop the order was so referred. Subsequently Mr. Lothrop reported back the order with the recommendation that it be adopted. Upon motion of Mr. Jellison and Mr. Waterston, the order was amended, so as to read as follows: —

Ordered, That Miss Bertha W. Hintz, a special teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, be considered and paid as an assistant in that school. The order as thus amended was then adopted.

Report of Committee on Salaries. Roxbury High School: teacher of German. Dwight School.

Mr. L. Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, reported back the two orders referred to them Nov. 14th (page 101 of the Minutes), to wit, — that the salary of J. Fred Stein, teacher of German in the Roxbury High School, be five hundred dollars per annum; and that sixty-three dollars be paid to Cornelius E. Wood, for extra services as a temporary teacher in the Dwight School; — recommending their passage. Both of said adopted.

Report of Committee on Accounts: Latin School, non-residents.

Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, reported for adoption the following order: —

Ordered, That masters E. F. and H. F. Hodges be allowed to remain in the Latin School, for the school year 1871–2, upon the payment of seventy-five dollars each.

The order passed.

Bill of J. B. Heustis.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, reported that annually, for two years or more, the committee have audited, under protest, a bill for J. B. Heustis, police officer, for duty at the Evening Schools. The committee believe that the city furnishes ample means to prevent disturbances, and that they do not, therefore, feel inclined to authorize the further payment of the bills; and they accordingly offer the following order: —

Ordered, That the bill of J. B. Heustis, for payment for police duty, be referred to the City Council.

The order passed.

Telescope for Girls' High and Normal School.

Mr. Merrill, from the same committee, to whom had been referred the subject of a telescope for the Girls' High and Normal School, reported that the committee had found, upon investigation, that there is no suitable foundation in the cupola of the building for such an instrument as would be required to rest upon, and that they recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a suitable foundation for a telescope in the cupola of the Normal School-house. Upon motion of Mr. Hunt, it was voted to refer the subject to the next Board.

Report of Committee on Text-Books: "The National Music Course for Graded Schools."

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred — Nov. 14th — the recommendation of the Committee on Music, that the two volumes now ready of the series of works for instruction in Music in the public schools, to be entitled "The National Music Course for Graded Schools," be adopted for use in the Primary Schools and the lower classes in the Grammar Schools; reported, recommending that the said books be adopted for use in the schools and classes named.

The Chair ruled that under the rules of the Board the introduction of the books could not be made at this time. Upon motion of Mr. Rust, the subject was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, the Board took from the table the order offered by Dr. Lothrop, Nov. 14th, as a substitute for the orders in the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations made Oct. 10th, upon the subject of the examination of candidates for admission to the High Schools. Examination for admission to High Schools.

A discussion of the subject of considerable length ensued, after which, on motion of Mr. Hutchins, the Board voted to postpone indefinitely the whole matter.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood: —

Concert for the Grand Duke Alexis: Committee on Music to report.

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be requested to report what action was taken by that Committee in carrying out the order of the Board, of Dec. 1st, relative to the concert for the Grand Duke Alexis.

Report of Committee on Changes in constitution and powers of the Board.

Mr. Cudworth, from the committee appointed under an order of the Board passed Sept. 12th, to consider and report what changes, if any, should be made in the constitution and powers of the Board, reported that the committee had had several meetings, and had discussed at length several important questions bearing upon the proposed changes, but failed to agree upon anything but the following order, which they submitted for the action of the Board: —

Ordered, That the Board be requested to ask the Legislature so to amend the City Charter that this committee may have the selection of sites and the approval of plans for new buildings.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Ventilation of Schools.

Mr. Baldwin, from the special committee appointed Nov. 14th, to ascertain and report the best way of ventilating all the schools in Boston, etc., reported for adoption the following order: —

Maine's Ventilator.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish Maine's Patent Portable Window Ventilator to each of

the school districts, and that five for each district be furnished for that purpose.

Upon motion of Dr. Waldock, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts. Subsequently, on motion of Dr. Shurtleff, it was voted to suspend the rules in order to allow full powers to the Committee on Accounts in this matter; but an adjournment for the want of a quorum prevented the completion of the proposed reference.

Dr. Fogg offered the following order: —

Amendment proposed; duties of the Secretary.

Ordered, That Sec. 2, Chap. VI., be amended, by inserting at the close of the section, after the word require, "and he shall perform the duties of secretary to the Committee on Rules and Regulations at every meeting of said committee." Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Upon motion of Mr. Slade: —

Hancock School District: "The Cushman School."

Ordered, That the School-house in the Hancock School District, known as the New School-house, in Parmenter street, take the name of the Cushman School.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 2, 1872.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, agreeably to adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 2d day of January, 1872, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the Chair.

Absent. Absent: Messrs. Allen, Ames, Baldwin, Burnham, Clark, Clock, Conboye, Cudworth, Dillaway, Edson, Emery, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Green, Haskins, Huse, Ingalls, Kneeland, S. K. Lothrop, Maguire, McDonough, Monroe, H. G. Morse, Packard, Porter, of Ward 16, Rankin, Reynolds, Sanford, Sayward, Streeter, Thornton, Underwood, Whelton, Willard, Wilson, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

English High and Latin Schools: Sites for new school-houses. The President read a communication from the City Council, returning to this Board the Report of the Committee on School-houses, made to the City Council, upon the subject of sites upon which to erect school-houses for the English High and Latin Schools. On motion of Mr. Richardson, it was voted to lay upon the table and to print the communication and the report.

Lawrence School District: New Primary School-house. Mr. Jellison, from the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 14th — an order requesting the City Council to erect a building for Primary School purposes in the Lawrence-School District, reported that as there is an order — passed by this Board May 9th — making the same request, now in the hands of the Committee of the City Council, it is inexpedient to pass this order. Accepted.

Rules amended; Duties of Secretary; Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Hall, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Dec. 12th — an order proposing so to amend Sect. 2, Chap. VI., of the Rules of the Board, as to require that the Secretary of the Board shall perform the duties of secretary to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported, recommending the passage of the original order. Accepted, and the order as recommended adopted.

Home Lessons: Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Hall, from the same committee, to whom was referred a petition signed by eighty-seven parents of children in the public schools of the Highland District, asking that all the home-lessons of their children be unqualifiedly discontinued, reported that the committee had considered the petition, and had instructed the chairman to report an amendment to the regulations, whereby the prayer of the petitioners should in part be granted; and that they recommended the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That Sect. 7, Chap. XII., be amended by inserting after the word school, in the second line, the following words: nor to boys in any of the classes excepting the first. The section will read, No lessons shall be assigned to girls to be studied out of school, nor to boys in any of the classes excepting the first.

Minority Report.

Dr. Hall then submitted a minority report, to the effect that there is no evidence of the abuse of the rule relative to out-of-school lessons, or that the health of the pupils is impaired by out-of-school study; and that the teachers are satisfied with the rule as it stands. He therefore offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioners for the unqualified discontinuance of home-lessons to their children in the public schools be not granted.

Mr. Hutchins moved to substitute the minority report

for that of the majority, and the motion passed. The order then before the Board was adopted.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 11, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted various reports, as follows: —

Bill of J. B. Heustis: Report of Committee on Accounts.

1. The committee represented that information had been given to them that would warrant their approval of the bill of J. B. Heustis for police services at evening schools, which was referred by this Board to the City Council at the last meeting, and they therefore asked the reconsideration of the vote whereby said reference was made, and that it be recommitted to their committee. The reconsideration passed, and the subject was then referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mrs. L. S. Batchelder: Report of Committee on Accounts. Industrial School for girls.

2. Upon the order (April 11th) directing the committee to inquire what amount, if anything, is due Mrs. L. S. Batchelder for rent of rooms, expenses incurred, and services rendered, in an experiment in connection with an industrial school for girls, and to report to this Board, the committee reported that, though Mrs. Batchelder possesses no legal claim, yet it seemed that she received sufficient encouragement from one or more members of the special committee upon the subject, to warrant her in making additional expenditures in support of the school; therefore it does not seem just that Mrs. Batchelder should be obliged to bear all the expense incurred. Mrs. Batchelder has agreed to be satisfied, and to relinquish all claim against the city, in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars paid to her. The committee, believing this to be a settlement fair and equitable, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That there be paid to Mrs. L. S. Batchelder seven hundred and fifty dollars, for rent of rooms, all services rendered, and all expenses incurred in the maintenance of an Industrial School, provided that she give

a receipt satisfactory to the City Solicitor, relinquishing all claim upon the city for any further amount.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

3. The committee reported the two following orders, both of which were adopted : —

Latin School: non-resident pupils.

Ordered, That Masters Charles E. Brooks, and F. F. Decatur, non-resident pupils in the Latin school, be allowed to remain for the present school year, upon the payment of $75.00 each.

Girls' High and Normal School: non-resident pupils.

Ordered, That Misses K. S. Summers and E. G. Brooks, non-resident pupils in the Girls' High and Normal School, be allowed to remain for the present school year upon the payment of one-half the year's tuition.

Ventilation: Maine's ventilator.

4. Upon the subject of ventilation for the schools, referred to them at the last meeting, the committee recommended the passage of the following order : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish such ventilation as may be needed in the various school-rooms, by the use of Maine's patent ventilator. Passed.

Non-resident pupils: tuition remitted.

5. The committee reported that they had excused, as deserving cases, the following-named pupils from the payment of tuition the present school-year, namely, Misses White, Westcott, Leighton, and Cooke, and Masters Young, Lincoln, Trouvelot, Sullivan and Hall.

Dr. Upham offered the following : —

Horse and Carriage for teachers of music.

Whereas, It is necessary for Mr. Sharland, Mr. Holt and Mr. Mason, to use a horse and carriage in the performance of their work : —

Ordered, That the city pay the keeping of a horse, for each of the above-named teachers, while they perform the work now assigned them by the Board; except during the summer vacations.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Subsequently Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, reported back the order recommending its adoption. The question was taken upon the order and it was adopted. Report of Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Ricker, —

Ordered, That there be paid to Oliver H. Spurr, five hundred dollars for his services as messenger of this Board the past year. Oliver H. Spurr, Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Ricker, —

Ordered, That there be paid fifty dollars to Wm. C. F. Tracy, for police service during the last year. Wm. C. F. Tracy, police officer.

Dr. Lamson offered the following: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Hon. William Gaston, the president, for the impartial, dignified and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, during the past year. Resolution of thanks to the President.

Passed unanimously, — the members rising and standing in their places.

Mr. Hunt offered the following: —

Whereas, great irregularity exists in the various school districts of the city in the methods of granting furloughs to teachers, and in the acceptance of resignations; and whereas it is expedient that any excess in the number of teachers in the employ of the city above that allowed by the rules and regulations should be reported to the Board, it is therefore — Furloughs to teachers, resignations and excess of teachers.

Ordered, That a Special Committee of five be appointed by the Chair at the next meeting, with full powers to obtain all necessary information upon the above subjects, and report the same to this Board, with such orders as may be necessary to remedy such abuses as may exist. Special Committee appointed.

The order passed.

English High School: Instrumental Drawing.

Mr. Woods, from the Committee on Drawing, offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Mr. Edw. H. Clarke be employed ten hours a week, at a salary of eight hundred dollars, to give instruction in Instrumental Drawing in the English High School.

Referred, on motion of Mr. Holbrook, to the Committee on Accounts.

Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Wood nominated R. H. Soule as instructor in the Evening Drawing School.

Cushman School.

On motion of Mr. Slade it was voted to add to the order passed at the last meeting, whereby the school-house in Richmond street was called the Cushman School, the following words, to wit: "in honor of Miss Charlotte Cushman, who was born on the spot where the school-house now stands, and who has reflected so much credit on her native city."

Eng. High School: Mr. G. Lanza's services.

Dr. Fogg offered the following, and moved a suspension of the rules for its passage: —

Ordered, That Mr. G. Lanza be paid one hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-two cents, for his services as sub-master in the English High School from Sept. 11 to Oct. 2, the same being the salary *pro rata* of a sub-master for the first year. The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Slade,

Cushman School: Tablet for.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish a *Tablet* for the new school-house in the Hancock District, to which the Board at the last meeting gave the name of the Cushman School.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.